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INTEREST IN PEACE MOVE NOW CENTERED ON ALLIED CAPITALS

Liberty of Congress

Final Attitude of the Entente Powers Expected to Find Expression in London.

PREMIER TO DEFINE POLICY

Notes of Three Teutonic Powers Dispatched Without Comment by United States.

PRESIDENT MAY ACT LATER

Russian Duma's Adverse Attitude Arouses Great Interest.

Washington, Dec. 16. — The forwarding today of the Central Powers' proposals for peace removed the center of interest in the peace move to the allied capitals, particularly London, where the final attitude of the Entente is expected to find expression.

With the announcement that the proposals had gone forward without any accompanying comment by this government, speculation here turned for the time being to what Premier Lloyd-George will declare to be the attitude of the Allied nations when he speaks on the subject Tuesday in parliament.

Official American Translation.

The three versions of the proposal, differing slightly because of the translations made in Berlin, Vienna and Constantinople, were harmonized into one official American translation, a single copy of which was sent to the American ambassadors in the seven belligerent countries where the United States represents German, Austrian or Turkish diplomatic interests. The actual official texts will probably be forwarded later in order to preclude any chance of error or misinterpretation.

Whether any suggestion or offer to mediate will be made by this government until it is indicated unmistakably that such action would be welcomed by both sides, remains undetermined, but President Wilson is known to be anxious that the United States shall not impair its usefulness as a mediator by premature action.

The two-day delay while a uniform translation of the peace notes was being prepared here may, in the belief of some diplomatists, constitute in itself a hint to the belligerents of the weight that is attached by American officials to any peace proposal.

Interest in Duma's Action.

The unanimous declaration of the Russian duma against the peace proposal aroused great interest here, particularly in view of the many rumors during the last few months hinting at a separate peace for Russia. The Russian empire has been regarded in some quarters as the keystone in the peace situation and information as to the diplomatic struggle in progress there is meagre. It is known, however, that a semi-revolution has occurred against the German elements in the court and the bureaucracy and the action of the council and the duma recently in acting together for the first time in history is taken as an indication of the great strengthening of the anti-German party.

KING OF BAVARIA HOPES FOR AN HONORABLE PEACE

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 16—The king of Bavaria, according to a Munich dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger, of Berlin, in an address to his troops on the peace proposal said:

"Although I do not know yet whether the peace proposal will be accepted, I hope it will bring about an honorable peace corresponding to the sacrifices of two and a half years of war, a peace of which we can be proud and which will safeguard us for many years.

"If our enemies do not accept the magnanimous proposal, then we must convince them through still greater might and greater successes that they cannot conquer us."

BRITISH PRESS WANTS THE PEACE OVERTURES EXAMINED

London, Dec. 16.—The foreign office announced before closing today that it had not yet received the peace note and the prominent officials disclaimed knowledge of its contents beyond what the newspapers had published.

The French victory at Verdun is acclaimed by all the London papers as the French reply to the German emperor's speech to his troops in Alsace and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's claim of the invincibility of German arms.

The concerted opinion in the British press, as reflected in the latest editorials, are almost unanimous that Great Britain cannot ignore the overtures and that the least the government can do is to make a statement on the Allies' aims and objects or ask for the presentation of the German terms.

The weekly reviews, including the financial organs, take the same line, as do also the provincial papers. The notable exception has been the Northcliffe

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RUSSIA IS READY FOR A 'FAIR' PEACE

Does Not Want to Destroy Germany, But Only the Prussian Desire for "Domination."

WANTS A DIRECT PROPOSAL

Foreign Office Says Central Powers' Offer Lacks Dignity and Was Made to Gain Publicity Among Neutral Powers.

Petrograd, Dec. 16, (via London).—A further exposition of the Russian government's attitude toward the German peace proposal is contained in the following statement obtained by the Associated Press from the Russian foreign office:

"A complete and emphatic rejection by Russia of Germany's offer can hardly have been necessary to convince America and other neutrals of the attitude which the Allies will take toward Germany's insincere and theatrical peace proposal. Germany's wish to impress the neutral nations must have failed through the very nature of the proposal and the transparency of the motives which inspired it. The nation honestly desirous of commencing peace negotiations uses more dignified and direct methods. She does not advertise her intentions throughout the world before her proposals have even been transmitted to the powers concerned.

"The German declaration has the character of a sensational act of publicity to prepossess the neutral powers. Beyond this it does not merit serious consideration. What the enemy suggests is a peace dictated by her and in cordance with the very ideas which the Allies are fighting to destroy—ideas of German hegemony of the Prussian type.

"Russia cannot speak of peace with an opponent who has proclaimed himself the victor. The rejection of Germany's proposal in no sense places Russia in the position of a nation not desirous of a durable peace or insensible to the urgent necessity of rescuing Europe from the calamity which has cast its shadow over the entire world. But Russia will continue to suffer this calamity and add indefinitely to the sacrifices which she has already made rather than submit to the greater catastrophe threatened by German imperial ambitions.

"What Russia, in common with her allies, desires is not a destroyed Germany, but the final defeat of these ambitions of German domination. When Germany desires a fair and lasting peace, Russia will be disposed to consider the time ripe for peace and negotiations."

SOMETHING STARTED BY VARNER IT NOW SEEMS

Situation Looks More Encouraging for Publishers.

From All Over the Country They Assure Tar Heel Editor of Support in Fight Against Paper Trust Now Believed to Exist.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Something has been started towards securing a supply of print paper at a little better price than the prospect was a short while ago. There are a number of contributing causes, but the biggest fact outstanding tonight is that new life has been thrown into a situation that appeared to be just dragging along.

Mr. H. B. Varner, of Lexington, publisher of Southern Good Roads and The Dispatch, acting for the North Carolina Press Association, really started something the other day when he filed complaint with Attorney General Gregory asking for an investigation by the Department of Justice of an alleged paper trust. Since that time things have assumed a different shape.

Publishers have been conferring almost hourly since Tuesday. There is a most clearly defined sentiment that there is a controlled market. Today representatives of the biggest group of papers in the United States came to Washington preparing to lay before the Department of Justice every available bit of information with reference to the alleged trust. It seems now that publishers have come to the conclusion that it is time to act, but it took somebody at first to start the proceedings and this was done by Mr. Varner.

Publishers from all parts of the country have assured him of their support, sympathy and encouragement and are offering to move into the open and prosecute vigorously in an effort to find out the true facts.

A high official of one of the largest

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PROF. MUNSTERBERG EXPIRES SUDDENLY

Noted Harvard Professor Dies While Delivering a Lecture at Radcliffe College.

WAS A NATIVE OF GERMANY

Body to be Cremated and Ashes Eventually Sent to His Native Country. His Last Public Message Was One on Peace.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—Hugo Munsterberg, distinguished psychologist, author and professor of psychology and director of the psychological laboratory of Harvard University, died suddenly in a class room at Radcliffe College today.

Prof. Munsterberg had begun a lecture on elementary psychology before 60 young women. He had talked for about half an hour when he stretched his hand toward the desk as though to steady himself. Before any one could reach him he had fallen and was unconscious when Dr. Harold E. Burtt, an instructor, sprang to his side.

Death came in 20 minutes, as a result, it was believed, of cerebral hemorrhage.

Class sessions at Radcliffe were suspended for the day.

Professor Munsterberg had appeared to be in his usual health and on last Monday night delivered an address on "The Psychology of Business."

Well known in educational circles for many years, Professor Munsterberg became prominent publicly soon after the great war began. A German by birth, he presented in addresses and in written articles the attitude of the Teutonic allies as he understood it. Gradually he came to be regarded as a spokesman in New England for many Germans and others who favored Germany. As a result he was brought into controversies with other members of the Harvard faculty who were outspoken in defense of the Allies.

Professor Munsterberg leaves a widow and a daughter.

The funeral will be held at the family residence Monday afternoon. Rev. Adolph A. Berle, a close friend of Professor Munsterberg, will officiate at the services, which will be in the German language. Prof. George F. Moore, of Harvard, will deliver an eulogy.

Mr. Berle said the body would be cremated in accordance with the wish of Professor Munsterberg, and that eventually the ashes would be shipped to Germany.

HIS LAST PUBLIC MESSAGE ONE DEALING WITH PEACE

New York, Dec. 16.—The last public message of Professor Munsterberg, who died suddenly today in his class room in Cambridge, Mass., contains a vision of peace and good will and in it the writer indicated that he believed such a peace was near. The message was sent to a weekly magazine here and made public today upon receipt of the news of his death.

"After the war," the message says, "no trace will remain; those who hated most hotly will forget most quickly. Men will look one another in the face

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BIG TRACT PURCHASED FOR AVIATION FIELD

$290,000 is Paid for 1,700 Acres, Near Fort Monroe.

Government Proposes to Make it One of Foremost Proving Grounds in World Outside Those of European Belligerents.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The War Department has purchased about 1,700 acres of land on lower Chesapeake Bay near Fort Monroe for use as an aviation experimental and proving ground for the Army. The prices paid was $290,000, appropriated by Congress at the last session for this purpose. The War Department officials estimate that $1,500,000 will be asked of Congress for buildings and equipment with the idea of making it one of the foremost stations of the kind in the world, outside countries now engaged in war.

The tract between Back river and Hampton, Va., is flat and possesses all the characteristics Army aviation officers believe is necessary for a first-class proving ground. The station probably will be named "Langley field" in honor of Professor Langley, who first made experimental flights with heavier than air machines.

Lieutenant-Colonel George O. Squier, chief of the Army aviation service, said tonight work will begin on the necessary and possible improvements in the near future and an effort to get Congress to act on the additional appropriation is expected after the holidays.

The site was selected after a long investigation by Colonel Squier and other members of a board appointed for the purpose more than a year ago.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 16.—The football team of the Second Texas infantry defeated an eleven made up of Virginia artillerymen here today, 52 to 0. Using an open formation almost exclusively, the heavied Texas team had little difficulty piling up its total of eight touchdowns and four goals from touchdowns.

LARGE PUBLISHERS RAISE OBJECTION

Oppose Plan for Newsprint Distribution Which Would Help the Small Publisher.

SAY THEY ARE VICTIMIZED

Declare Manufacturers Can Remedy Paper Shortage If They So Desire. Conference Held With the Trade Commission.

Washington, Dec. 16.—A conflict of interest between large and small newspaper publishers developed at conferences today between the Federal Trade Commission, the publishers, and news print paper manufacturers and jobbers, the conference was held to consider a proposal that the problem of an apparent news print shortage be solved by distribution of the available supply under supervision of the commission and to work out some arrangement, if possible, concerning prices and increased production.

A plan proposed and apparently favored by the Trade Commission, the manufacturers and the small publishers, under which large publishers would relinquish 5 per cent of the 1917 quota to the smaller publishers, met with immediate opposition. The large publishers declared they were being made the victims of manufacturers who by diverting machines now on wall paper and wrapping paper back to making news print could solve the shortage problem within a few days. Both large and small publishers insisted that the plan called for no concessions by the manufacturers.

The plan proposed would provide that the 5 per cent turned back by the large establishments would be apportioned among the small publishers at the average contract price charged the large publishers. This would be between three and four cents a pound. The jobber would receive in addition about 1 per cent for handling.

Committees of the publishers, manufacturers and jobbers were named to continue conferences with the Trade Commission next week in an effort either to perfect the plan proposed or to work out some other acceptable plan. The publishers' committee will begin Monday to send out questionaries to the newspapers, ascertaining the needs of the small publications and learning if the large publishers will agree to give up a part of their paper.

In today's meeting the large publishers argued that an increase in production would be a simple matter if the manufacturers displayed a willingness to co-operate. In this they were supported by the small publishers. Both classes of publishers, too, insisted that prices were beyond reason and assurance was given by the trade commission that perfecting of any distribution plan would not stop the commission's investigation of that subject. Commissioner Davies declared that the commission was of the opinion that print paper was a public necessity and that prices now charged for it were extortionate.

On the committee of publishers to meet next week with the Trade Commission F. P. Glass and L. B. Palmer were named to represent the large publishers and A. W. Dunn and J. Raymond Hoover to represent the small publishers. Manufacturers will be represented by J. Boyd Potter and A. T. Houck. The jobbers will name a committee later.

It was brought out today that although the cost of production—as disclosed by the Trade Commission's investigation—has remained about stationary, prices to the large publishers have advanced from 2.15 cents a pound on 1916 contracts to an average of 3.10 cents on 1917 contracts, with an added item in that mille next year quote prices at the factories instead of the place of delivery.

A prospectus issued by one manufacturing concern was presented to show that the manufacturer endeavoring to sell stock in his mill claims a profit of $15 a ton on paper manufactured this year, in addition to a surplus accumulated.

Manufacturers opposed today every suggestion that production could be increased by putting on news print work machines that now are turning out other classes of paper.

The committee representing the smaller publishers issued a statement tonight saying its members were hopeful the Trade Commission and those concerned were about to find a solution of the situation.

SHEPPARD BILL TO BE TAKEN UP BY SENATE THIS WEEK

Is Given the Right-of-Way by Margin of a Single Vote.

Washington, Dec. 17.—By a margin of one vote the Sheppard bill to prohibit manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia was put into first place on the Senate calendar today to be taken up next week and debated until it is disposed of. Senator Townsend sought without success to keep the volunteer officers retirement bill before the Senate as unfinished business.

Senator Martine, of New Jersey, opposing the bill, said the saloon should not be abolished until some other form of club for the poor man could be established.

TO TRY FOR WORLD'S RECORD.

Miss Ruth Law Having Special Aeroplane Built for the Purpose.

New York, Dec. 16.—Miss Ruth Law, who established a new American nonstop flying record during her recent flight from Chicago to New York, today said she would try to break the world's record early next year in a special aeroplane now being built for her.

CENTRAL POWERS CONTINUE TO GAIN GROUND IN THEIR ADVANCE THROUGH RUMANIA

Berlin Reports the Buzeu River Sector Has Been Forced, Which Probably May Mean That the River Has Been Crossed—Infantry Fighting Renewed Along the Meuse—French, It is Indicated, Have Taken 9,000 Prisoners.

Infantry fighting was resumed today on the east bank of the Meuse in the Verdun sector. Which of the combatants assumed the offensive is not specified by the German war office statement that tells of the renewal of the fighting. During the previous night, the German troops had undertaken no counter attacks to regain the ground they lost as the result of the stroke inflicted by the French on Friday. Details concerning the French drive indicate the capture of 9,000 Germans and about 80 guns. Four French divisions participated in the attack and the French war office intimates that they were opposed by five German divisions.

Teutons Continue to Gain.

The Teutonic armies in Rumania continue to gain ground. A statement by the German war office that the Buzeu river sector has been forced may mean that the Teutonic troops actually have crossed that river, along the line of which it had been expected the Rumanions would make their next stand.

After an intense artillery duel in the vicinity of Ypres and Wytschaete, German troops delivered an assault southeast of Zillebeke penetrating the second British line.

Further Advance Against Turks.

A further advance of the British army on the Tigris front in Mesopotamia to within three-quarters of a mile of that river opposite Kut-El-Amara is recorded.

Revolutionary outbreaks in Portugal, accompanied by mutiny of some troops, have been quelled.

It is announced that the British government has decided to take control of the Irish railways and that the threatened strike on those lines have been averted.

INFANTRY FIGHTING IN THE VERDUN REGION IS RENEWED

Berlin, Dec. 16, (via Sayville).—There have been a renewal of infantry fighting in the Verdun region today, the war office announced in tonight's supplementary statement.

Further gains of ground for the Teutonic Allies in Wallachia and Dobrudja ade announced. The statement reads:

"In the Somme sector there has been an artillery duel of violence at times. On the east bank of the Meuse (Verdun region) fighting was revived today, after a calm night.

"In Great Wallachia and Dobrudja our armies, partially by means of engagements, gained considerable ground.

"There is calm on the Macedonian front."

WEAVER SCORES POINT IN CONTEST WITH BRITT

Judge Adams Files Supplementary Ruling in Case.

This at Request of Supreme Court—Buncombe Board Did Not Pass Upon Returns November 9, According to Judge's Finding.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—Complying with a special writ of the Supreme Court, Judge Adams, of the Superior court, filed a supplementary ruling in the noted Britt-Weaver contest from the Tenth congressional district today.

He had failed to say whether the Buncombe board of elections judicially passed on the returns November 9th, as claimed by counsel for Britt, or recessed to the following week to await additional returns.

Judge Adams finds that the board did not pass on the returns November 9, because three precincts were out. This finding supports contention by Weaver counsel. The Supreme court is to dispose of the appeal next Tuesday.

AMERICAN CHRISTMAS SHIP TO SAIL FOR BEIRUT TODAY

Two Former Ambassadors to Turkey Take Part in Ceremonies.

New York, Dec. 16.—Two former American ambassadors to Turkey, Oscar S. Straus and Henry Morgenthau, took part today in ceremonies preliminary to the sailing of America's Christmas ship, the United States naval collier Caesar, for Beirut with $250,000 worth of food, clothing and medicines for the destitute people of Syria and Armenia.

The supplies were purchased with funds collected by the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief and the medicines were contributed by the Red Cross. The sailing was postponed until tomorrow because the loading of the cargo was not completed until late today.

The relief committee announced today it had cabled $410,000 for distribution at inland centers which cannot receive supplies from the Caesar's cargo besides pledging $500,000 to be sent to Syria and Armenia in January, although its treasury is declared to be virtually empty.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER IRISH RAILWAYS

This Action Taken With Hope of Averting Threatened Strike.

London, Dec. 16. — The government has decided to take over the Irish railways, according to an announcement today by James Henry Thomas, labor member of parliament for Derby, and assistant general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants. It is hoped, it was explained, thus to avert a threatened strike.

MRS. W. A. WILKINSON FOUND BY HUSBAND DEAD IN HOME

Wound in Head Indicated That She Had Been Struck by Heavy Blow

Chester, S. C., Dec. 16.—W. A. Wilkinson, manager of the Chester Water Works station, found his wife dead in their home here late today. A wound in the head indicated that the woman had been struck a heavy blow, which probably fractured the skull. No clue to establish the identity of her assailant had been found tonight.

WATCH FOR SOFTENING OF GERMAN ATTITUDE

May Quietly Modify Policy as to Belgian Deportations.

Such Change Would Not Surprise Washington Officials—If Practice is Not Checked Another Protest May Follow.

Washington, Dec. 16.—While the diplomatic controversy with Germany over Belgian deportations temporarily is in abeyance, officials are watching carefully for an indication of a softening of the German attitude as a result of the protests of the United States, Spain, Holland, Switzerland and the vatican. It would occasion no surprise here if the German policy were quietly modified, despite the government's declaration that the measures taken were necessary and in accordance with international law.

It has been indicated that this government's course would be determined by public opinion as it crystalizes, but there are intimations that should the pratices complained of be discontinued, the American protest would not be pressed further. Officials think that if a discontinuation were decided upon, the decision would not be accompanied by a public announcement or any diplomatic assurances that might seem to represent a recession from the stand Germany already has openly taken.

Should the State Department's information during the next few weeks indicate, however, that the deportations are continuing unchecked, some further step may be decided upon to emphasize the American protest.

In some quarters it has been suggested that the department's information regarding conditions in Belgium, said to be at variance with statements in the German reply to the American protest, be made public, though such a step might lead to a fruitless and perhaps embarrassing controversy over facts.

There also have been suggestions that an effort be made for joint action with other neutrals to mobilize world opinion in protest against the German policy, but from the beginning of the war the United States has studiously refrained as a matter of principle from joining in any concerted diplomatic representations.

VILLA WANTS CONFERENCE WITH MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT

Believes He Could Arrange "Peace" With United States.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 16.—If a conference could be arranged between Francisco Villa and Major General Scott, of the United States Army, an agreement could be reached which would settle all differences between the United States and Mexico, according to a statement made to the military authorities here today by a Mexican who claimed to have direct authority from Villa to make such a proposal.

"General Scott is a good man," Villa is quoted as telling his representative. "and we almost settled the Mexican question at one time."

The envoy said he had been authorized to make clear that Villa holds no enmity toward the people of the United States, but only toward those officials he believes accomplished the recognition of Carranza and permitted Carranza troops to pass through American territory to Agua Prieta where Villa lost a decisive battle.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Edward C. Wall, of Woburn, Mass., tonight was elected captain of the Georgetown football team.

EVERY OBJECTIVE OF FRENCH GAINED IN BATTLE FRIDAY

Made Their Third Smashing Victory in the Vicinity of Verdun Within Two Months.

WON IN QUICK SHORT FIGHT

Thousands of German Prisoners Captured—Numerous Cannons Seized or Destroyed.

Pepper Hill, Verdun Front, Friday, Dec. 15 (via Chantilly, Dec. 16.)—(From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press)—A short ,sharp battle brought to the French today their third smashing victory within a period of two months in the vicinity of Verdun. Every objective point of the French commanders was obtained with chronometric accuracy.

Although the Germans offreed a desperate defense, the attack was so powerful there was no withstanding it, with the result that the Germans were pushed back along the line by the French, who only ceased on orders when the objectives had been gained.

Thousands of Prisoners.

Thousands of German prisoners poured into the French lines during the day, including 200 officers, and large groups are still arriving. The total count already is 7,500. (The latest French official statement says the number of prisoners exceeds 9,000). One division alone captured more than 1,200 Germans within an hour. ore than 80 large and small German cannon were captured or destroyed and many others are known to be buried.

The villages of Vacherauville, Louvemont and Besonvaux and Hardaumont wood now are in French hands.

The front over which the offensive was executed was ten kilometers long. When the fighting ceased, owing to the darkness, the French advance had extended an average of three kilometers along the whole front, at various points rushing further out and threatening the German batteries whose retreat was hindered by the bad condition of the ground.

Correspondent Saw Battle.

The battle began at 10 o'clock in the morning with the left flank of the French opposite Vacherauville and the right flank on Fort Vaux. The correspondent of the Associated Press watched the engagement from a dominating height.

As the church clock struck the hour, every French gun opened a storm of steel, placing every shot immediately behind the German front line. Meanwhile the French infantry made one of its charcteristic dashes and reached the village of Vacherauville, where, utilizing the new method of infantry attack, they drove the Germans from house to house until the village was entirely in their hands.

Advancing beyond the village, the French attacked a German trench known as "Bethmann Bowl", which was pierced after a hard fight, and its occupants made prisoners. Then, up the slopes of Pepper hill the infantrymen could be seen making methodical progress until at exactly an hour from the start the twin crests of this height had been swept clear of Germans, and the rockets announced the French were established there.

Germans Greatly Surprised.

In the meantime the Germans on the opposing slope had been taken in the rear by an extemporized French flank movement. The surprise was so great that both the infantrymen and the gunners attempted to flee, and French aviators turned the flight into a rout by descending to within a hundred yards of the earth and emptying band after band of machine gun cartridges into the disorderly crowd, of which those remaining alive surrendered.

Making their way along the valley behind Pepper hill, the French approached and took Louvemont with similar and untiring brilliance, in which they were supported by another French wave that had fought its way through the entanglements of strongly fortified field works in Caurieres wood just about the center of the line.

In front of Douaumont, the advance was equally rapid, but on the right flank the forward movement encountered strong opposition in ardaumont wood, which was not overcome until late in the afternoon when Besonvaux redoubt, about five kilometers in advance of the original French line, was taken from the German garrison.

Credit Due General Mangin.

General Mangin was again the principal organizer of the victory in which he followed his own example at Douaumont and Fort Vaux by delivering irresistible blows at the chief point in the German lines and hammering until his opponents were forced to give ground. Generals Nivelle and Petain watched the engagement, in which only four French divisions participated, although it is known the Germans had five divisions engaged, from every regiment of which prisoners were taken.

It is reported without confirmation that several of the German divisions which took part in the fighting were hurried from Rumania to rejoin the crown prince's army and that they were among those suffering defeat.

The French losses during the attack were unbelievably slight. The German artillery seemed to fire at random, probably disorganized by the absence of German airmen, who were kept in complete subjection by the French aviators.

The importance of the victory is considered by the French commanders

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Neckwear that is distinct in design and color shadings.

Walking Canes and Umbrellas.

Collar Bags and Traveling Sets.

Soft and Stiff Hats.

Boys' and Men's Caps.

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Boys' Suits and Overcoats.

Men's Suits and Overcoats.

Men's Underwear in wool and cotton.

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SPORTS

MASKED MARVEL IS COMING

Will Meet Fritz Hanson for Fourth Time at Woolvin Hall Friday Night. Will Probably Doff Mask.

As a Christmas offering to Wilmington wrestling fans, Fritz Hanson, the popular local star, and Louis Lareau, "The Masked Marvel," will try conclusions at Woolvin Hall next Friday night in what is expected to be the banner mat battle of the season in local circles.

Lareau's chief claim to fame, although he is a top notcher, lies in the fact that he has never allowed an opponent to get a glimpse of his face. Always, in the ring and on the street, his visage is covered with a sombre mask that stamps him as a man of mystery in sporting circles. It is believed, however, that when he appears here Friday night he will doff his mask and let Fritz see what he is tackling.

Hanson and Lareau have met on several occasions. In the first affray Hanson took the first fall, and Lareau the second. Neither man was able to turn the stunt in the final fall and after two hours the match was declared a draw.

In their second encounter, which was for one fall only, Lareau won after 55 minutes. The final contest was also won by the marvel with two tumbles to the local favorite's one. In view of the fact that Lareau comes to Wilmington with two victories over Hanson, and is considered as one of the shining lights of the present crop of mat artists, the match Friday night should draw a record house.

Hanson stated last night that he was in receipt of a letter from Tommy Draak to the effect that the unbeaten Joe Stecher was defeated at Springfield, Mass., by John Olin Friday night. Draak was responsible for the further information that Etached had returned to Omaha heart broken over his defeat. Stecher was one of the stars whom Hanson was expecting to bring here this winter.

Lareau defeated Bumps Turner in Henderson Thursday night, and as Hanson turned the trick rather easily in Wilmington Friday night, it looks like there is going to be some scrap at Woolvin Hall Friday.

LOUIS LAREAU

"The Masked Marvel," who will meet Fritz Hanson for the fourth time at Woolvin Hall Friday night. Of the three previous meetings between the two Lareau won two, and other was a draw.

1917 SCHEDULE FOR THE WASHINGTON & LEE ELEVEN.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 16.—The 1917 football schedule of Washington and Lee University at Lexington, as announced today, follows:

September 29, Roanoke College at Lexington; October 6th, Richmond College at Lexington; October 13, Randolph-Macon College at Lexington; October 20, Navy at Annapolis; October 27, North Carolina A. & M. at Lexington; November 3, Georgia Tech., at Atlanta; November 10, University of Indiana at Indianapolis; November 17, Georgetown University, at Roanoke, Va.; November 29, Washington and Jefferson at Richmond.

V. M. I. SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOTBALL SEASON OF 1917.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 17.—The 1917 football schedule of Virginia Military Institute, at Lexington, Va., as announced today, follows:

September 29, Hampden-Sydney College, at Lexington; October 9, William and Mary College, at Lexington; October 13, University of Virginia, at Charlottesville; October 20, Maryland State College, at Lexington; October 27, Davidson College, at Danville; November 3, Roanoke College, at Lexington; November 10, North Carolina A. & M. at Richmond; November 17, University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill; November 29, Virgina Polytechnic Institute, at Roanoke.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 16.—Walter Carpenter, of Newnan, Ga., was elected captain of the Georgia Tech. football team for 1917 at the annual Tech. banquet tonight.

FREEZING IN FLORIDA

Cold Weather Yesterday Extended Throughout Atlantic States.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Cold weather has extended throughout the Atlantic states and line of freezing Saturday morning reached central Florida, weather reports show. In the Gulf states considerable warmer weather prevails. Temperatures will rise Sunday in the Atlantic states, but will change but little elsewhere east of the Mississippi river.

DIES IN ASHEVILLE

Rear Admiral Hunker, Retired, Passes Away at Sanitarium.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 16.—Rear Admiral John J. Hunker, retired, 79 years old, died here tonight at a local sanitarium, death being due to organic heart trouble. The deceased, whose home is at Put-In-Bay, Ohio, came to Asheville about three years ago, and spent most of the time here since. He is survived by one son, Capt. J. B. M. Hunker, of Los Angeles. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

Rear Admiral Hunker was appointed to the Naval Academy from Ohio and graduated in 1866. He served for a time as a private in an Ohio infantry regiment during the Civil War. He was in command of the fleet of transports assembled at Tampa in June, 1898, to carry General Shafter's army to Santiago. In July, 1898, he commanded the expedition which captured Nipe Bay, Cuba, and was advanced three numbers for "eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle." He advanced to the rank of rear admiral and retired in June, 1906.

TO FACE ANOTHER TRIAL

T. C. McCoy Will be Arraigned Next Month at Fort Smith, Ark.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Department of Justice announced today that Thomas C. McCoy, convicted yesterday at Jacksonville, Fla., for his participation in what government officials say were the greatest whiskey frauds of recent years, will be tried on another indictments next month at Fort Smith, Ark.

In an official statement the department said the conviction of McCoy was another step in the government's determination to punish all participants in the frauds which operated with Jacksonville and Fort Smith as distributing centers. Other alleged conspirators are about to be tried.

TO HOLD INSPECTION DAY

Signalizing Installation of New Fixtures, the Bon Marche Will be Open to Public Tomorrow.

Signalizing the remodeling of the interior and the installation of new fixtures which permit practically every article in the store to be seen at a glance, the Bon Marche, which will hold a public inspection day all day tomorrow, and will doubtless be visited by friends and patrons in large numbers. This event, Manager Louis Lipinsky announces, will take the place of a formal opening, which, owing to the holiday rush, cannot very well be held at this time.

All the new equipment and fixtures with the exception of the passenger elevator, have been installed, and it is not too much to say that they are well nigh perfect in detail. Cabinets, shelves and drawers practically without exception have glass fronts, enabling the patron to see any article in the entire store. Even a person not familiar with the location of goods in the establishment would be able to locate anything desired without opening a single cabinet or drawer or climbing up a ladder.

The window display is pleasant and effectual, and the color contrasts are so arranged as not to clash and there is no over-crowding of the objects offered to view. At first entrance into the store one feels a sensation of comfort and luxury, all fixtures and cabinets being of rich birch mahogany. Except on the first floor where the high ceiling makes it unnecessary, the indirect system of electric lighting has been installed.

The system of shelving and cabinets have been entirely rearranged, being placed cross-wise instead of the length of the store. And as the shelving is only four and one-half feet in height, a clear and unobstructed view of the entire store is given, making it appear much larger. This effect is enhanced by the placing of mirror glass around the pillars which support the upper floors.

On the first floor, the unit system cabinet makes it possible for a patron to see at a glance hundreds of different styles of umbrellas—to mention one of many articles similarly displayed. In the perfumery department the same scheme is carried out, unit shelving with all glass fronts even down to the drawers, make it possible for the purchaser to see each article in stock. Many of the shelves have mirror backs, which gives a most pleasing effect. All posts are inclosed in mirrors, thus getting rid of something which would otherwise be unsightly.

In the rear of the store on the first floor are the handsomely appointed offices of the Messrs. Lipinsky and the cabinet rooms of the bookkeepers and cashier.

On the first floor is also the telephone exchange which has 12 interdepartment phones to take care of as well as two outside phones. Attached to this feature is a checking room, where out-of-town patrons can have their parcels or other things checked without charge.

Between the first and second floors is a balcony where are displayed women's and children's wear, including corsets, and eventually this will be reserved for the exclusive use of ladies in order to insure them a greater degree of privacy. Eventually a rest room for the ladies will be established in the balcony. The idea of privacy and exclusiveness is carried out on the second floor, where the millinery is displayed, for there is a handsomely appointed French room, where a patron may try on her hat unobserved and with every accoutrement which she would have in her own boudoir.

On this floor there are glass front cabinets for hats, cases which are all glass with the exception of their bottoms and 12 big glass front revolving cabinets, which are capable of holding several thousand garments.

SOMETHING STARTED BY VARNER, IT NOW SEEMS

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and most influential newspapers in New York city says today that Mr. Varner's action was along the right line and heartily congratulated him for having the courage to go into the open and fight the alleged trust. The letter in part says:

"Congratulations on the way you handled the matter. I think it was the right one and I believe it can be made to succeed. I want to congratulate you further on the hit you made before the Trade Commission. You loomed up about as high as the Washington monument, compared with the other fellows."

The Department of Justice, which heretofore has been holding back, awaiting developments through the Trade Commission, has started an investigation of its own along lines outlined in the Varner complaint.

Of course, all evidence before the Federal Trade Commission is available for use by the Department of Justice and the commission today intimated that, if papers were not able to obtain a supply of paper at reasonable prices, they knew very well where to place the blame.

Senators and Congressmen, especially Senators Simmons and Overman and the members from North Carolina, are vastly interested in the fight being made by the papers for a supply of paper at a reasonable rate. P.R.A.

USUAL CHRISTMAS BONUS

U. S. Steel Also to Offer Employes to Subscribe For Stock.

New York, Dec. 16—The United States Steel Corporation announced today its intention to distribute its usual Christmas bonus to employes, in cash and preferred stock, and to offer them the annual opportunity to subscribe for 35,000 shares of stock at a price somewhat below the market. In addition some of the employes will get salary increases on January 1. Chairman Elbert H. Gary roughly estimated that this compensation, together with the three wage increases this year and salary increases, would amount to $33,000,000.

London, Dec. 16.—Lloyd's announces that the British ship Naiad has been sunk. The crew was saved.

MISTRIAL IS ORDERED IN FAMOUS "DEAD MOUSE" CASE

Pending Outcome of Civil Suit—Judge Daniels Makes Remarks.

(Special Star Telegram).

Durham, N. C., Dec. 16.—In the celebrated dead mouse suit of Granberry G. Dickson, a local newspaper reporter, against the Durham Bottling Works, trial was abruptly halted today, after the State had offered its testimony, when Judge Frank Daniels ordered a mistrial pending outcome of the civil action for recovery of $5,000. The case begun today was on appeal from recorder's court where W. K. Rand was fined $25 for violation of the sanitary codes of the city.

Judge Daniels commented in vigorous terms upon the evils of soft drinks and quoted the testimony of an eminent physician who put these soft drinks like Coca-Cola next to whiskey in the results achieved in poisoning the human system. His honor was prone to count the mouse in the Coca-Cola bottle a blessing in disguise if it would only lessen the consumption of the poisonous stuff.

The newspaper man lugged the bottle with the dead varmint into court today and placed the embalmed animal on the table of Solicitor S. M. Gattis and Ottorney R. O. Everett. He described his unearthly experience in a straight forward manner.

A SCIENTIFIC BURGLAR.

He Makes Maps of Summer Homes He Wishes to Rob.

(From New York Tribune.)

Union county, New Jersey, detectives took from Joseph Anderson, confessed burglar and second-story man, arrested in Summit, N. J., a map of Long Island, with the summer residences of many wealthy New Yorkers designated in detail. In some cases the map even bore memoranda telling the best means of gaining entrance to the houses.

Anderson said that after his release from Sing Sing last June he spent a month in the New York Public Library reading newspapers from suburban towns and making notes of the location of the summer homes of wealthy persons.

Anderson declared he had never broken a pane of glass or "jimmied" a window to enter a house; that he never carried a revolver, and that he does not smoke or drink. He said he had been a thief since he was nine years old, and that he first stole because of hunger.

GREEK SHIP TORPEDOED.

Six Thousand Ton Vessel Reported Sunk by a German Submarine.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The sinking of the 6,000-ton Greek steamship Salamis by a German submarine is reported in a Havas dispatch from Madrid. The crew embarked in eight of the ship's boats which were towed by the submarine to a point near the coast.

EVERY OBJECTIVE OF FRENCH GAINED IN BATTLE FRIDAY

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enormous, as it compels the Germans to move back artillery which heretofore had annoyed the French supply depots and works on the other side of the Meuse and also lays open the flanks of their position in LeMort Homme.

PROF. MUNSTERBERG EXPIRES SUDDENLY

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with astonishment; the spell will be broken. They simply will not believe that they could misjudge and maltreat their friends so grossly. The subtle power of our mind to forget will become mankind's blessing. As soon as peace is secured we shall keep the peace, not only by the harsh method of enforcing it, but by the hundred times better method of making it natural. And it can become natural because all the scorn of today will fall off like the scab of a healing wound. Unless all psychological signs deceive us, after this war ends, peace will really be lasting—and I feel sure the end of the war is near, the world Christmas tree will be glistening tomorrow, the fragrance of its candles already pervades the world."

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The rich, golden tobacco leaf that grows under sunny southern skies is famous the world over for the *character* it gives a cigarette.

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OLD VA. HERRING ROE	17c can
DEL MONTE PEACHES	22c can
DEL MONTE ASPARAGUS TIPS	22c can
BEST IRISH POTATOES	50c pk
CAMPBELL'S SOUPS	9c can
L. & P. SAUCE	27c bot.
TOMATOES, LARGE SIZE	15c can
GRAPE NUTS	13c pkg
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WHEAT RECOVERS MUCH OF FRIDAY'S DECLINE

May Contracts Close at Net Gain of Nine Cents a Bushel.

Wild Rushes to Buy Started Early, Seemingly Because of Prospects of Rejection of Teutonic Peace Proposals.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The wheat market here somersaulted on a gigantic scale today. An upward jump of 10 1-2 cents a bushel came as a violent contrast to a set-back of 13 1-8 cents in the trading of the day before.

During the rise the rapidity of trading and the accompanying excitement were at a pitch not surpassed since the beginning of the European war.

Wild rushes to buy started the instant the opening gong struck and were wholly unchecked until the rise had reached the maximum of the day, 10 1-2 cents, seemingly altogether the result of the Russian duma's rejection of the German peace proposal and as a consequence of the decision of the White House that the United States would forward the Teutonic peace proposals without comment.

Values fluctuated in a sensational fashion throughout the remainder of the session, but the last hour showed prices near at times to the topmost level.

Final quotations were greatly unsettled, May, the leading option, finishing at 1.62 5-8 to 1.63, the latter an advance of nine cents.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Met at noon.

Commerce committee deferred action on $50,000 flood control bill for Mississippi and Sacramento rivers.

Resumed debate on District of Columbia prohibition bill.

Adjourned 4 p. m. to noon Monday.

HOUSE.

Met at noon.

Chairman Adamson of Interstate Commerce committee introduced joint resolution extending time of railroad investigation until January 14, 1918.

Continued discussion legislative appropriation bill.

Brigadier-General McCain testified before the Military Affairs committee.

Chairman Henry of Rules committee announced he would oppose and food embargo legislation.

Committee was appointed to confer with Senate committee on immigration bill in endeavor to report before holiday recess.

Adjourned at 4:55 p. m. to noon Monday.

BLADENBORO VOTES $20,000 BONDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

Cotton Mill Increases Wages 10 Per Cent—Oil Mill Rushed.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Bladenboro, N. C., Dec. 16.—At an election held here today the progressive citizens of Bladenboro school district carried a bond issue of $20,000 for the purpose of building a new modern school plant at this place, the vote being 96 for and 4 against.

The Bladenboro Cotton Mills will put a new wage scale into effect on Monday, December 18, which will result in a net increase of 10 per cent throughout the entire payroll.

The Bladen Manufacturing Co., have recently put on a night shift and are now running their oil mill night and day as the seed storage is now taxed to capacity and cars of seed are arriving daily.

MATCHES GO UP IN LONDON.

Manufacturer Announces a 50 Per Cent. Trade Increase.

(From the London Globe.)

We are not at all surprised to read that a great match making firm has been circularizing its shareholders to the effect that the home trade sales of matches have fallen off more than 50 per cent. We should not have been astonished if the disproportion had been greater. Everybody who uses matches has only too good reason to know how precious this useful and bright little friend has become. No longer can you ask the casual stranger in train or tube for a match. You might as well request him to give you his gold watch.

As for the old time careless profusion as regards matches in public places where is it now? If you ask the waiter for a light he grudgingly produces a box from some secret cache, hovers over you hungrily till your cigar is alight, and then snatches back his treasure like a miser regaining his gold. One must be very intimate with a friend before he will part with the precious firestick in your need. Even then, any absent-minded slipping of the box into one's pocket is instantly checked. In future, the test question of friendship will be, not "Will you lend me 50 pounds?" but "Have you a match?"

LAND OF BORROWED DELIGHTS

Italy's Oranges, Lemons, Chestnuts Gifts of Other Countries

(National Geographic Magazine).

A large part of the beauty of the verdure and forest of Italy that attracts the visitor's attention was unknown in the olden times, and is not properly Italian at all, but imported. The favored groves of orange and lemon, with their golden fruit glinting among the rich and sappy foliage, breathe of the Levant and the dark-skinned Saracenic invaders from the East. The cactus, with its prickly pear fruit, called the "Indian fig", and the aloe came straight from Mexico on the heels of the Spanish adventurings into the unknown in the sixteenth century. So did the American corn or maize. Even the eucalyptus is an importation, a modern one, and the great groves of chestnuts that clothe the shaggy mountain sides so verdantly and give occupation to so many venders of the hot and pasty boiled nut are believed not to be native.

BRITISH LORDS DISMISS THE SLINGSBY BOY CASE

London, Dec. 16.—Curly headed little "Teddy" Slingsby, for months buffeted between wealth and nameless poverty, has been sent from the portals of the house of lords, held by that body to be a penniless foundling of the streets of San Francisco and not a young English gentleman. The house of lords, on presentation of the case of "Teddy," dismissed the appeal from a court of appeals decision that he is not the legitimate son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. R. Slingsby and heir to Yorkshire estate. The respondents in the case were not heard. A court of appeals ruling handed down last March established "Teddy" as a foundling of San Francisco against the claims of Mr. and Mrs. Slingsby, who maintain they are the parents of "Teddy" and that the child is rightful heir to the $500,000 estate of his alleged grandfather, the Rev. Charles Slingsby, who bequeathed this estate to "the first male heir" born to any of his children. Lord Loreburn, in handing down the decision, held the identity of "Teddy" had been proved, as well as the transfer of the child from Lillian Anderson, a San Francisco school girl, to Mrs. Slingsby. He expressed regret of the pain the decision must cause "gallant Commander Slingsby" now in the service of his country.

CRITICS ARE ANSWERED.

Prosperity That Has Come from War Not of Our Seeking.

(New York World.)

European critics of the United States have two grievances which they persistently exploit. One is that we are a greedy, mercenary people who have capitalized the war for our own profit. The other is that we are a sentimental and impractical folk who would like to stop the war before it has been fought out to a definite conclusion.

Nobody attempts to reconcile these conflicting criticisms. Nobody tries to explain how it comes about that a mercenary people whose unprecedented prosperity is stained with blood should at the same time be so eager to end the bloodshed. That is not the way mercenary people usually act.

What prosperity has come to this country out of Europe's calamity is not of our seeking. We did not want the war. If it had been possible for us to have prevented it, there would have been no war. When it came and American business and commerce and finance were demoralized and disrupted, we proceeded to adjust ourselves to the new conditions and take care of our own.

The American people have never sought good fortune in the misfortune of others. Any prosperity that comes to them out of Europe's devastation and suffering they would instantly forego if they could thereby establish peace.

The American people do not think of this war in terms of prosperity. They think of it, to use the language of President Wilson, "in deep sympathy with the stricken peoples of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitilessly fallen." They think of it as the greatest curse that has been inflicted upon the modern world, and a curse for which there are no compensations.

SEES DRIFT TO CITY MANAGER

Chicago Municipal Expert Cites One Town's Saving

(Cleveland Plain Dealer).

American cities inevitably are hastening towards the city manager plan of government, according to Herbert Harley, of Chicago, who was in Cleveland yesterday on his way home from Springfield, Mass., where, with other experts in municipal affairs, he attended the meetings of the American Municipal League.

Mr. Harley, formerly a newspaper publisher in Manistee, Mich., told how that town of 12,000 inhabitants had reduced the cost of administration 20 per cent. since adopting the city manager system in 1914.

"The system has worked a miracle there," he declared. "Besides better service at lower cost to the taxpayers, it has ended partisan wrangling and brought about a splendid civic spirit."

PROBABLY A SUICIDE

Letters Indicate Mrs. Alice Cannon, of Atlanta, Took Her Own Life.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 16.—Officials of the Ocean Steamship Company say that Mrs. Alice Cannon, of Atlanta, who disappeared from the Savannah Line steamer City of Columbus, en route to New York on Tuesday, left two notes clearly indicating that she committed suicide. One of these notes was addressed to the stewardess of the ship and the other to Mrs. S. C. McRae, of Atlanta, the company officials say.

INTEREST IN PEACE MOVE NOW CENTERED ON ALLIED CAPITALS

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group which immediately urged that Great Britain should ignore the overtures.

There appears to be a concensus of opinion that the Allies should not consider entering into a conference until they know approximately the Central Powers' policy and unless they consider that that policy contains the seeds for agreement. The Russian rejection of the overtures was published too late for comment by the morning papers. All the afternoon papers refrain from expressing their opinion thereon.

Premier Lloyd-George's first appearance in the house of commons in his new capacity as prime minister may be delayed until the government is in a position to pronounce a definite statement of its policy towards negotiations.

Sir Hedley LeBas, who is a retired soldier, writes to the papers urging that the men in the trenches have the highest right to speak on the question and that teir view sould be obtained before any measures are decided upon.

Dispatches from Switzerland say that Count Tissa, the Hungarian premier, has gone to Berlin to use his influence for peace.

EMPEROR CHARLES CREDITED WITH INITIATIVE FOR PEACE

Paris, Dec. 16.—Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary is credited with having taken the initiative in the peace move by the coalition of the Central Powers, according to the Berne correspondent of La Liberte, on the strength of information obtained from political circles in touch with officials of the Central Powers. The new emperor, it is said, desired to inaugurate his reign by an effort in favor of peace. This worried the Berlin government which feared that the young monarch might prove an uncertain ally.

The visit of Emperor William of Germany to Vienna, it is declared, was not to attend the funeral of the late emperor, but was for the purpose of having a personal interview with Emperor Charles. The interview could not be held on the day of the funeral, but at the second conference, at which King Ferdinand of Bulgaria also was present, Emperor Charles is supposed to have consented to a postponement of the offer of peace until after the capture of Bucharest.

APPEAL IS MADE IN NAME OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

New York, Dec. 16.—Copies of a resolution adopted by the American neutral conference committee imploring the belligerent nations in the name of the American people to discuss peace terms, were forwarded to the ambassadors of the warring countries today with te request tat tey be transmitted to teir respective governments.

SWITZERLAND MIGHT FOLLOW LEAD OF THE UNITED STATES

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 16, (via Paris).—Te Swss federal council, says te Neue Zuricer Zeitung, as decided not to take up te question of intervening in behalf of peace during the present session. The newspaper says that in spite of the German proposition the situation is considered too delicate to justify action by Switzerland.

Other Swiss newspapers express the opinion that if America led the way in behalf of an early peace, the Swiss government would cordially collaborate.

SAYS CONDITIONS ALREADY LAID DOWN MUST BE ACHIEVED

London, Dec. 17.—Lloyd's Weekly News publishes specially written statements on the subject of the German peace offer by four representative labor leaders—Stephen Walsh, M. P., representative of the Lancashire miners; James O'Grady, chairman of the general federation of trades union; C. B. Stanton, M. P., for Merthyr Tydfil, and Lieutenant-Covonel John Ward, commander of the Navvies battalion.

All declare that the war must continue until the conditions laid down by Premier Asquith and Lloyd-George are achieved, but Walsh in addition contends that the Entente Allies should take the opportunity to make their position clear before the world. Walsh said:

"Nothing but good should come if the Entente powers seize the opportunity to place their case before the world. They can indicate the terms upon which they are prepared to negotiate a peace. They could inform neutrals of their position."

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(advertisement.)

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1916.

TOP O' THE MORNING.

Sometimes, dear Lord, I fear that we forget
The gracious import of the Christmas tide;
Our guests are bidden to the feast, and yet,
O Christus, Thou has nowhere to abide.

The Christmas spirit, Lord we crave, that we
May keep aright Thy holy natal day
Forgetting not our own, but inasmuch
As we would have Thee Master of the feast,
We would remember, Lord, to care for such
As thou wouldst choose to call Thy very least. —SELECTED.

Fill up on cheer!

We bought ours in Wilmington. Did you?

Give 'im a little something for Christmas.

"Let Us Have Peace."—(General U. S. Grant).

Do your Christmas shipping early this week.

"'Tis naught, 'tis naught, saith the buyer"—The Bible.

Get the balance of your Christmas packages off tomorrow.

This is the beginning of the end of Europe's orgie of blood.

Do we love all the belligerents or do we simply love the belle-igerents.

All the nog we'll have next Monday is that which is in our noggin.

This is the last week in which you can do Christmas shopping either early or late.

After the war there will come the romances of the world's grimmest tragedy. There will be historical novels galore.

Most of the world's troubles are brought about by men who differ and insist that each other is radically wrong.

If some people did not find something or other to worry about, they would not find a way to make themselves miserable.

In view of his controversy with the Baptists, the easiest way out of it for Gen. Fred Funston is to right about face and take water.

The government tells us to skin the sharks to get their hides, but the sharks skin us for our beans and get our appretite's goat.

Well, you've got to do it between now and next Sunday. Get it in Wilmington. Read The Star's advertising pages and you will know where to get it on your last go-round.

New Yorkers complain of the high price of mince meat pie, but we never have been able to see why people should contract the habit of eating that kind of ammunition.

A great many people are indifferent as to what the Legislature does further in the way of keeping booze out of the Tar Heel State. They are not reconciled but philosophically resigned.

In a speech the other day Colonel Bryan is reported to have said: "I am not an old man yet." Four years from now somebody will try to prove that Colonel Bryan is lots older than he is young.

Men get themselves killed by the million because they have never found out a way to keep out of war. The Hague convention is like a broken reed that is set up to withstand a cyclone.

The one man who did his best and failed, yet is the military chieftain who is all the world's ideal, is Robert Edward Lee. His prestige was never lost and never will be dimmed in all the world's history.

THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

It would be a waste of time to tell the people of Japan that there is no such thing as the spirit of Boushida, so it is a waste of time for materialistic people to tell the tots that there is no Santa Claus. We saw an editorial in a paper a few days ago declaring that Christmas ought to be abolished and that grown people ought to quit telling children that there is such a thing as Santa Claus.

All skeptics and iconoclasts have to be downed, and it is easy to put them out of business, for they are only obsessed of the vulgar and commonplace idea that a spade must be called a spade. Every one of the kiddies knows that the old skeptics don't know what they are talking about. They have lost their imagination and go around wasting their time opposing and exposing ideals. They call Santa Claus a hoax but he isn't. They even say that the higher ideals of living are all bosh and that reformers are dreamers, fanatics and such.

In a materialistic country like this, when it was found out that the ideals and ethics of the Japanese were acquired from the spirit of Boushida, the skeptics scoffed. They did so because they mistakenly believed that the Japanese patron must be a disembodied spirit whom the Japanese had defied. It was not so, for Boushida was a real man, an ancient feudalist, a knight who became so grand and powerful that he would not stoop to anything low. He cut brutality out because it was not knightly and did not comport with the standing and grandeur of a knightly character. He established a code of honor for knights, so no man could be a knight who had no lofty ideas and no character.

Boushida died and has been dead a long time, but his fine ethics live to inspire the Japanese to brave and honorable deeds. Thus the spirit which actuated Boushida was of a lofty type, an ideal, so the code of ethics of Boushida actuate the Japanese today and they have been adopted as the spirit best relied upon to enable the Japanese people to adopt a popular standard as they saw the light.

Enterprise is no disembodied spirit or an actual ghost, yet all of us refer to the spirit of enterprise, the spirit being whatever animates a people as individuals or communities. There is the spirit of charity and love and benevolence, and now and then we praise a man fon being guided by a praiseworthy public spirit—a moving force of mind and heart which makes some men the exemplars and ideals of those who know them. Though some of them have long been dead, a community is guided by the spirit, public or benevolent or social, that they bequeathed to those who live after them.

Right on the eve of Christmas, its spirit comes to us and gets in us, and the kiddies and our friends know that it is a real thing that brings joy and gifts and presents and good things at this one happy season of the year. We call it Santa Claus, and that is what it is, for Santa means saint, since a fine old gentleman of great wealth, Claus by name, was so good on Christmas centuries ago that all the children got something. Claus distributed gifts and everybody recognize him as so good that he was called a saint. Those who constantly do good and make people better and happier are saints. It is the spirit of Santa Claus and of the man and woman and even the little child that makes us love to think of them. The spirit of a child is the sweetest of all spirits, for the Master told us that unless we become as children—gentle, kind, obedient, trusting, harmless and innocent as children—we cannot enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

More than a generation ago some old skeptic told the little girls and boys in New York that Santa Claus was a hoax and only a myth. It distressed a little girl to hear such a thing, so she sat down and wrote this to the New York Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say that there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon, 115 West Ninety-Fifth street."

Well, the editor was a friend of Santa Claus, so he wrote an editorial showing that Santa Claus comes to us and inspires us with his goodness and his kindness and good deeds, so that we know and feel the Christmas spirit. Here is what the editor wrote to assure his little friend that that Santa is real:

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus; it would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor the strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

That settles it, so skeptics may as well vanish unless they can believe that there is such a thing as generosity, benevolence, kindness, love and a bread humanity—the animating spirit of the truly good in men, women and children. What is it that comes over us at this season and makes us begin to feel like we ought to be happy ourselves and give happiness to all those around us? Why Santa Claus is responsible. He reminds us and we open up our hearts and he makes us remember and do things that we would forget about if there were no Christmas. Well Christmas is Santa Claus' date and he comes right on time. If he were to quit coming, the whole world would be drear and our minds would not be responsive to the season and our hearts would be without the inspiration that now comes into them at least on one day of every year.

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRACY IS THRIFTY

The tabulated statement by Chairman Thos. D. Warren showing the Democratic party's gains and losses in North Carolina by counties in the recent election shows that, far from being indifferent and decadent, the party in this State is in a thrifty and vigorous condition, virile, aggressive and militant. The fact that the party increased its vote in 87 of the 100 counties over the vote cast four years ago is ample evidence. Losses were sustained in only 13 counties.

A perusal of the tabulated figures is interesting. As already announced, Governor-elect Bickett's native county of Union won the silk banner for the greatest percentage of gain over 1912. The vote in that county for Craig was 1,724; the vote for Bickett was 2,753, a gain of 1,034 votes, or 59.97 per cent. From this high percentage the gains range downward to .13 per cent in Halifax, a Democratic stronghold this year and four years ago, which recorded a gain of 3 votes, the vote for Bickett being 2,337. Next to Halifax is Duplin with a gain of seven votes, a percentage gain of .31. The second largest percentage of gain was made by Currituck, which increased its Democratic vote by 292, or 46.72 per cent. The second largest actual gain was made in Forsyth county, the increase being 989 votes, Bickett receiving 4,108.

Fourteen counties made Democratic gains of 25 per cent and more, these being in their order: Union, Currituck, Avery, Harnett, Anson, Stokes, Forsyth, Transylvania, Washington, Gaston, Hertford, Onslow, New Hanover and Gates. New Hanover Democracy's increase was 502 votes, from 1,990 in 1912 to 2,499 in 1916. Of the 87 counties in which gains were made, the following made less than 2 per cent: Granville, Lenoir, Madison, Jones, Polk, Caswell, Surry, Duplin, Halifax.

Democracy sustained the greatest loss, 210 votes, in Northampton, and the greatest percentage loss in Chowan, 13.09 per cent. The smallest loss sustained was in Brunswick, where the loss was only two votes, from 827 for Craig to 825 for Bickett. The percentage of loss in the 13 counties where losses were sustained range from .24 in Brunswick to 13.09 in Chowan. Other counties in which losses were sustained, in their percentage orders were Bertie, Perquimans, Craven, Randolph, Carteret, Wilkes, Pender, Robeson, Swain and Pamlico. In the "State of Robeson," the loss was only 35 votes out of 3,103, or 1.13 per cent.

In Columbus the Democrats gained 15.73 per cent; in Cumberland 11.76; in Wayne 9.92; in Bladen 3.25; in Sampson 2.37. In Pender the Democrats lost 15 votes, or 1.52 per cent.

WILMINGTON WILL HAVE ONE IN JANUARY, TOO.

Winston-Salem is to have a live-stock and poultry meeting January 9, 11, 12, under the auspices of the North Carolina Livestock and Poultry Associations. Governor Henry Stuart, of Virginia; Dr. B. W. Kilgore, of the North Carolina Experiment Station, and Dr. Tait Butler, vice president and editor of the Progressive Farmer, will feature the programme with addresses of pertinent value on a subject that is arousing the whole of North Carolina to the importance of a new and great opportunity.

On those dates in the Twin City there will be a magnificent display of pure-bred cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry, and liberal prizes will not only be awarded to the exhibitors, but there will be prizes for the best displays of all kinds of farm products. As a whole, it will be a land show because it will show what the man can do with the land and what the land can do for the man who uses it for all it is worth. The aim will be to demonstrate the fact that here in North Carolina we can use our lands for raising stock and growing various crops as well. It will show us how to grow crops and market them on the hoof or as meat, whereas, there would be no need of growing some valuable farm crops if there were no cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry to take them over and convert them into the meat, butter, cheese, milk and dressed fowls that are so necessary to go upon our tables. We are beginning to see that we can begin to live in North Carolina if we will do what we ought to do on the land that is in our hands for proper farm endeavors.

There is to be a sale of breeding stock and poultry at Winston-Salem and 110 herds of fine animals are to be sold at auction. Even the North Carolina raised mule will have his day, and there will be meat, cheese, butter and eggs in the scoring contests between the farmers of Western North Carolina. Reduced railroad rates are offered for this occasion.

Events like that at Winston-Salem are going to do a great work for North Carolina. One like it is being arranged for Wilmington some time in January or February. The Chamber of Commerce is going to see that the farmers of Eastern North Carolina are not going to be left in the greatest progressive undertaking that has ever been inaugurated in our resourceful State.

THE OBSERVER HAS A FIRE

The Charlotte Observer sustained a serious fire loss yesterday morning on account of the practical destruction of the Observer job printery occupying a building just in the rear of the newspaper building. The Observer linotypes in the printery department were damaged, as was also the newspaper press. Owing to water and a disordered newspaper office, The Charlotte Evening News tendered its well equipped establishment to its morning neighbor, although it publishes a Sunday morning edition. That is typical of the broad spirited newspaper fraternity of the times, and the news is always a generous examplar of the noblesse oblige of the modern day journalism of North Carolina. Because of its magnanimous courtesy, we may expect the Sunday Observer to come to us today in a fire dress that will do credit to the News establishment. The Star's sympathy goes out to its valued morning contemporary, and it hopes that The Observer may soon be more than itself again.

HIDDEN RESOURCES ARE BEING DISCOVERED.

As great as are the resources of the South, there are hidden ones that some people never dream about. Nevertheless, they are constantly being discovered, just as if to reveal the magnitude of Southern opportunities. They are here and we are finding it out.

An oil well "came in" down in Waukulla, Fla., on Friday last. Borings tapped an underlying petroleum field and now people are getting excited about new wealth opportunities in Florida. A rush is being made to that section by investors. A sample of Waukulla petroleum sent to the state capital for assay shows a high grade of petroleum with a paraffine base, according to a chemical assay in the laboratory of the Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee. The geologist of the Standard Oil Company (always on the spot) has been on the scene. He recommends that Waukulla county buy all the land between the town of Waukulla and the Sewanee river.

Yes, Savannah is to have a packing house, too. It is to be the Savannah Abattoir and Packing House Company, a $100,000 concern, and among those interested are S. Friedman, A. Mandel, H. Horowitz, E. M. O'Brien and W. Raban. They propose to get right down to business, so the Jacksonville and Moultrie houses will not draw all the livestock of Southern Georgia away from Savannah.

It is a safe bet that there never was a session of the Legislature when the members gathered at Raleigh at the opening with as many "little bills" in their pockets, all ready to be introduced with requests for special privileges in the way of being placed on the calendar without reference to committee, etc., as will be the case at the coming legislature.

Numbers of Northern and Western people have come to North Carolina to look over the various sections with a view to their suitability for homeseekers who want to leave the Northern cold for a warmer climate. One who has been in Wilmington says the counties with good roads are bound to get the settlers.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It would be a mighty good thing for the county at large and Whiteville in particular if we had a live hustling commercial organization of some sort to advertise the wonderful resources of our country and to induce manufacturers with capital to come, invest and locate here. Our county can provide practically unlimited material for any sort of manufacturing plant. We have timber in abundance and to spare. We grow enough cotton at home to keep two or three cotton mills running the year round. Enough fruit is grown and goes to waste annually to keep half a dozen canning factories running the year round. Our cattle raising industry is entirely in its infancy, yet ours is one of the finest grazing counties on the map. Backing these and hundreds of other inducements to prospective investors are ideal railway transportation facilities and we are only a few hours from Wilmington where there is a deep water outlet to all perts of the world—Whiteville News Reporter.

Friday morning's Observer printed a local story about the discovery of a family in need—father bedridden, wife and nine children without food, fuel or clothing—the discovery having been made by the ever-alert Captain Miller, of the Salvation Army. Before the day was half over, Captain Miller had answered as many as 50 telephone calls, each call an offer of aid. One banker 'phoned the Captain to bring mother and children up town and have them outfitted with shoes at his expense; others sent bundles of clothing, and there were offerings of food and money. During the afternoon the Salvation Army Captain went to the home and brought the family up town in an automobile, and saw to the proper filling of the banker's orders. Before nightfall the wants of the family had been abundantly met. And this is but one little of many of the great heart of this city.—Charlotte Observer.

For some reason the law was so drawn that the Constitutional Amendments recently adopted go into effect one week after the day set for the meeting of the next General Assembly. This was possibly done on the theory that the general laws made necessary by the amendmets could be passed within that week, or to give the "little bills" a last brief season in which to torment the legislators. But in any event it should not have been so arranged. The amendments should have been made effective either before the meeting of the Legislature or after its adjournment. The week between the assembling of the Legislature and the going itno effect of the amendments is wholly inadequate for the passage of the necessary general statutes, especially since the law has made no provision for the drafting of suitable general bills before the convening of the Legislature. And leaving this week open for the passage of local and special acts is going to create unprecedented confusion and a great mass of hasty and ill advised legislation. Commenting on the situation. The Wilmington Star says: "Since the Constitutional Amendments do not become effective until January 16, while the Legislature convenes January 3, there is likely to be an unprecedented number of 'little bills' introduced the first week of the session and a rush made by the members to get them passed before the amendments become effective to prohibit the General Assembly from consuming its expensive time passing bills to change the boundary lines of townships and to prohibit throwing saw dust into Mud creek, each bill necessarily being read and voted on three separate times on three separate days in the House and in the Senate, each consuming the time of the 170 members of the State's law-making body and the various and sundry clerks and others on the pay roll." What is going to happen in this regard when the Legislature meets will be an excellent object lesson of the wisdom of the amendments. The enactment of the necessary general laws will be a most laborious and delicate task, a thing which we fear has not yet been fully recognized; but when it is well done an intolerable burden will be lifted from the State's law-making body.—State Journal.

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TALKS ON THRIFT

THRIFT CAMPAIGN SERIES

PAY-UP WEEK.

Waukon, a little town of two thousand people in Iowa, with the usual quota of churches, schools, business houses and banks, made the discovery, a year or so ago, that the merchants of the town had on their books about $50,000 of unpaid bills, and so set apart a week last January as "pay-up week", when the debtors were asked, as a matter of duty and civic pride and good business ethics, to settle up. The chamber of commerce took the campaign in hand and the results were so satisfactory that the event is scheduled again for next January, it is hoped with even greater success.

Those who are unacquainted with the ways of business little realize how much debt exists in every community in the form of book accounts, carried along from month to month, year to year, and rarely if ever settled in full. It is so handy to shop with a book and to use the telephone, that the ease with which charge accounts can be utilized often leads to overbuying and the creation of debts that prove burdensome if not disastrous.

It is well known that those who pay pay for those who do not pay. The merchant must make his profit or fail, and this profit must be sufficient to offset the bad debts that necessarily accrue in the course of every business. And if in a little town of two thousand there are outstanding $50,000 of unpaid bills, what must it amount to in larger places? Even if the larger part of the outstanding debts are eventually paid the merchant cannot use his book accounts to purchase goods. He must pay his bills as he expects his customers to pay theirs.

Our whole business structure rests upon the retailer. If he pays promptly, the jobber can pay promptly, and likewise the manufacturer. If the retailer is backward, extends credit unwisely, pays slowly or not at all, the whole business structure suffers. Only as the consumer pays his bills can the retailer pay his.

We have had a lot of observances introduced during the past ten years. We have Flag Day, Mothers' Day, Apple Day, Thrift Day, Clean-up Day, Rose Day, Candy Day, Gas Week and a host of others, all of which are worthy. Some of these days lay particular stress upon waste and saving and preparation for the future, but few have in them the possibilities for constructive and beneficial results as will follow an annual pay-up day, when bills are settled in full.

The Chinese have a custom of celebrating the advent of New Years, either by paying off old debts, or, if they are creditors and the debtor is unable to pay, then by cancelling the debt. Thus the new year begins with a clean slate. Communities are all alike in many respects and the problem of Waukon is the problem of a thousand others. We have too many unpaid accounts on our books. Why not profit by the Waukon idea, and have a pay-up week the country over, when the slate shall be wiped clean and the new year started free of debt?

$250,000 BOND ISSUE UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED

To Include Provision for Erection of New High School.

Committeemen of Both City and County Recommend Enactment of Legislation to Submit Question to Voters—Other Matters.

Unanimous endorsement of the bill drafted by the Board of Education providing for the submission to a vote of the people of a county school bond issue not to exceed $250,000, same to include funds for the erection of a new High School building in Wilmington, was given at a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of the school committeemen of both the city and county held yesterday morning at the Hemenway school.

The meeting was featured by a number of splendid addresses, all of which demonstrated that the committeemen of the entire county are heartily in favor of the bond issue to provide for the erection, construction and repair of school buildings in New Hanover county and are unanimous in their recommendation that the necessary legislation be enacted to place the proposition before the people, who it is believed will back up the committeemen at the polls.

The proposed bill, which will be introduced early in January when the General Assembly convenes at Raleigh, is entitled "An Act to Authorize the County of New Hanover to Issue Bonds for School Buildings and for Other Purposes."

Immediately following the enacting clause, the bill reads in part as follows: "That the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover in order to provide for the erection, construction and repair of suitable and permanent school houses, be and hereby is authorized, when requested by the Board of Education, to submit to a vote of the qualified electors of the county, the question, 'Shall New Hanover County issue its coupon bonds not to exceed the sum of $250,000 and levy a special tax for public school improvements in said county?'"

County Interested.

Mr. J. Allan Taylor, chairman of the High School Committee, who was next called upon, pointed out that the High School is a county as well as a city institution and the residents of the rural districts are stockholders in the enterprise. He referred to the changes which have been made in the course of study from time to time, and pointed out that they are no longer purely academic, but that a pupil is offered a wide choice in the selection of the courses in general, business and home economic lines. He added that the addition of an industrial course for boys is in contemplation and that it will be established as soon as the means are at hand.

Mr. Taylor defined the duties of committeemen as two-fold, first, administrative, and, second, as representing the interests of the patrons of the schools. He added that committeemen should not be too much in evidence but should act within their own spheres and not delegate to himself matters which belong to the principals and the teachers.

Following Mr. Taylor's address, Superintendent J. J. Blair in taking up the question of a bond issue for the High School, declared that the relations between the city and county schools had always been most friendly, as it was realized that they were all working in a common cause.

Two other points touched upon by Superintendent Blair in his address to the committeemen were what the High School had to offer the districts outside the city and the means of securing the benefits which it had to offer.

He then read a letter from United States District Attorney J. O. Carr, former chairman of the Board of Education, in which the latter urged the need for a modern High School building of sufficient size to accommodate 1,000 pupils and thus take care of the future needs of the county in the matter of higher education. Mr. Carr's letter, which also reviews what had been done during his chairmanship towards arranging for the erection of a new and more commodious high school building, reads in part as follows:

Mr. Carr's Letter.

Mr. Carr's letter, which was read by Superintendent Blair, outlined what had been done during the former's chairmanship of the Board of Education. It read in part as follows:

"The question of constructing the new High School building and broadening the course of study so as to prepare every boy and girl in New Hanover county to make a living, is in my judgment the most important matter that can come before the people of New Hanover county. Personally, I have had my heart set on this work for a number of years, and have given to it all the thought that I have been able to give. In New Hanover county, as in all counties, there is a large element of our people who are not able to provide their children the training that is necessary to enable them to go out in life and compete with others who have better advantages.

"The opportunity for employment in Wilmington is not bad, and many people are employed who come from elsewhere and locate here. This is not objectionable and they should be welcomed; but the public school system of New Hanover county should be so planned and designed as to offer an education to our boys and girls that will enable them to become an earning factor and asset to the community, rather than a liability.

To Accommodate 1,000 Pupils.

"I sincerely trust that the committeemen of New Hanover county will be unanimous in their demand for the construction and equipment of the High School building adequate to accommodate 1,000 pupils in all branches of practical training, because within the next ten years the number will be this large, if the opportunity is offered.

"The construction of the high school building was not a part of the original plan for rebuilding the schools of New Hanover county, and at that time the necessities for a larger high school building were not apparent. The original plan could now be carried out by the sale of the high school lot purchased on Market street and the placing of this money in a new building on the Union school property; but in my judgment no greater mistake could be made

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EXPECT IMPROVED SERVICE

Members of Delegation Who Visited Charlotte Confident That Seaboard Will Make Improvement.

That improved service on Seaboard Air Line Railway between Wilmington and Rutherfordton will result from the conference between representative patrons of the road from all the cities and towns interested and General Manager C. S. Lake, of the Seaboard, which was held in Charlotte Friday, is the prevailing opinion among those who attended the conference.

While Mr. Lake did not actually promise to concede to all the requests of the delegation, he did say positively that he would make arrangement to maintain a better schedule on the trains of the system between the two cities. He was quite frank in his dealings with those present, and they in turn were favorably impressed with Mr. Lake, and his method of meeting their demands.

He further pointed out to the delegation that if the amended arrangements of the road did not meet with the requirements of the patrons along the road that it was his desire to have them complain to the management of the road and steps would be taken to have the matter remedied.

From the interest manifested in the conference by the business men of Charlotte and from other towns along the line, it is evident that Wilmington is not alone in the fight to secure better passenger service over the Seaboard. The citizens of Charlotte were especially strong in the meeting and were even more warm toward the proposition than were the Wilmington representatives.

Mr. Lake in his address to the convention made it plain that the Seaboard system had difficulties of its own that must be attended to as well as heeding the demands of the public. He expressed in such a manner as to convey the reasonableness of his statements to the members of the delegation.

ROYAL OPENING TOMORROW.

Many Improvements Made in Theatre Preparatory to Vaudeville.

The Royal theatre, which for the past three weeks has been undergoing extensive alterations to equip it for handling vaudeville and musical comedy attractions, it is announced by Messrs. Howard-Wells Amusement Company, will open tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, presenting for the opening week Danny Lund's Triangle Girls Musical Comedy Company.

In order to complete the changes for opening tomorrow, a big force of workmen have been employed both day and night continuously for the past two weeks. When constructed a little over a year ago, the oRyal was merely equipped for pictures, and it was necessary to tear out entire back walls and build stage, dressing rooms and equip with scenery. The stage as completed is practically the same size as that of the Victoria theatre, being almost as deep, and several feet wider than the Victoria stage, and is capable of handling almost any kind of production, even with elaborate scenic equipment. The dressing rooms have been built under the stage and are ample and roomy and sufficient to accommodate a company of 30 or 40 people if necessary.

In order to make the balcony comfortable, the entire floor was made over, at a much steeper elevation, new tiers being built for the rows of seats, and the balcony seats now command an even better view of the stage than some of those on the first floor, and will be found more comfortable for patrons than the balcony of any other theatre in the city. The elaborate plaster decoration formerly around the screen opening was moved, a difficult and slow operation ,and has been replaced around the proscenium opening of the stage. Two exits at the rear lead under the stage and out through the alley in the back to Chestnut street.

While the theatre was closed the opportunity to apply a new coat of paint to the entire interior was taken advantage of, and former patrons of the Royal will indeed find a new theatre in everything but name tomorrow. The work has been done by Mr. B. H. Stephens, supervising architect, who for the past several years has made a specialty of theatrical architecture, and has designed some of the prettiest theatres in the State.

With the opening of the Royal, the management announces a new scale of prices, the highest price at night being 25 cents for the entire lower floor and 15 cents for the balcony, or matinees, the lower floor will be 15 cents and balcony 10 cents.

CHORAL CONCERT SUCCESS

Miss Anna Graham Harris Given Cordial Reception in Savannah.

Miss Anna Graham Harriss has returned from a tour of several large Southern cities including Atlanta and Savannah, where she appeared in concerts. She was given a most enthusiastic reception at each place she appeared and her singing was the subject of flattering newspaper notices. The Savannah Morning News says:

"A large and appreciative audience greeted Miss Anna Graham Harris at the December concert of the Music Club last night at the Lawton Memorial.

"The entire first part of the program was sung by Miss Harris. The opening number was "Farewell Ye Hills" (Jeanne D'Arc). This number was beautifully sung and showed to great advantage the depth and power of Miss Harris' rare voice.

"The remainder of the first part was divided into three groups of songs, French, German and English. Each number was so well sung and so enthusiastically received by the audience that it is hard to say which was the greatest favorite. After the group of German songs Miss Harris responded wit an encore 'To a Baby.'

"At the close of the English group Miss Harris was again called upon for an encore and responded with a catchy little song called 'The Owl,' by John Barnes Wells.

"A. R. Lawton announced that Mrs. Lewis Powell was ill and would be unable to appear and that Charles Donnelly had consented to take the parts in the 'Crusaders' to have been sung by Mrs. Powell. The duet, 'Rinaldo, Up Rinaldo,' Miss Harris and Mr. Donnelly with chorus accompaniment was particularly well sung. Mr. Donnelly's clear tenor tones blending well with the rich tones of Miss Harris' contralto. The chorus 'His Head Let Each Crusader Raise' was a brilliant ending to an unusually fine program."

VALUABLE BUILDING IS SOLD TO MR. M. SHRIER

Property on Princess Street West of People's Savings Bank.

New Owner Plans to Remodel and Improve Structure Purchased from Citizens' Bank—Deal Was Closed Yesterday.

An important real estate deal was closed yesterday when Mr. Marshall Shrier, a well known young Wilmington business man, purchased from the Citizens' Bank that valuable Princess street property lying just west of the People's Savings Bank building at the corner of Front and Princess streets. The sale was made through the real estate agency of Mr. H. F. Wilder and, while the consideration was not announced, it is understood to have been between $15,000 and $20,000.

The lot purchased by Mr. Shrier is 47x66 feet in size and on it is located a three-story structure, which is used for the most part as an apartment house. It has long been a landmark. On the first floor and in the basement floor are located several business enterprises.

Mr. Shrier said last night that it was his intention to remodel and otherwise improve the building at an early date, so as to make it thoroughly modern in every respect, particularly the apartments and lodging rooms on the upper floors. The building is centrally located in the business district and is a desirable piece of property from an investment standpoint.

Mr. Shrier, who is associated with his father, Mr. I. Shrier, in the retail clothing business, has for a number of years been interested in real estate investments and has been connected with a number of important transfers.

BENNIE LITTLETON KNOCKED DOWN BY GROCERY WAGON

Injuries are Painful But Are Not Considered as Serious.

Bennie Littleton, the young son of Mr. Cato Littleton, of No. 209 Woodrow Place, was knocked down and painfully injured by a grocery wagon at Seventh and Market streets about 7 o'clock last night. He was rendered unconscious and sustained several painful cuts about the head, but is not considered as being seriously injured.

According to information of the accident available last night, the boy was riding a bicycle and in some manner collided with the grocery wagon. He was removed to his home and Dr. Harlee Bellamy called to attend his injuries. The report received at the police station of the accident, and also the one that was current on the streets was to the effect that the wagon belonged to Hall & Ross. Members of this firm, however, denied that the wagon was theirs.

SEABOARD GENERAL MANAGER LAKE WAS HERE YESTERDAY

With In Conference With Mr. G. Herbert Smith and Others.

Mr. C. S. Lake, general manager of the Seaboard Air Line, spent three hours in Wilmington yesterday in conference with Mr. Henry Whyte, the local Seaboard agent, and later with Mr. G. Herbert Smith relative to the location of a site for a packing house. Mr. Lake was in Charlotte Friday to attend the conference relative to improved passenger train service between that city and Wilmington.

Mr. Lake had an engagement to meet Mr. Smith and also to confer with General Manager P. R. Albright, of the Atlantic Coast Line. His conference with Mr. Whyte was about railroad affairs.

ELBA SOON TO SAIL.

Repairs on Boat, Recently Sold to Trading Company, Nearly Complete.

According to a statement by Capt. Edward F. Bailey, president of the Wilmington Iron Works, last night, the steamer Elba, which has been sold to a West Indian trading company, will sail for its new port within the course of ten days. It is now undergoing a complete overhauling at the plant of the Iron Works, and will be in first class condition when it is again wedded to the waters. The Elba will sail from Wilmington to Fort du France on the island of Martinique.

CAPT. W. O. LOCKAMY DEAD

Passed Away on Passenger Train While En Route to Consult Specialist

Hundreds of friends in Wilmington and throughout this section learned with deep regret yesterday of the death of Capt. W. O. Lockamy, who passed away Friday night on a passenger train en route to Philadelphia to consult a specialist. Accompanied by Dr. Arnold Stovall and his son, Mr. Beverly Lockamy, the deceased had left Wilmington on the 6:45 train Friday evening. He shortly afterwards retired to his berth and upon the arrival of the train at Rocky Mount it was found that he had passed away.

Captain Lockamy had been in feeble health for several months. He was suffering with throat trouble and it was decided to have an operation. He was able to be up Friday and appeared to be strong although suffering much from the infliction of his throat.

The body was prepared for burial in Rocky Mount and sent yesterday to Fayetteville, his former home, and the funeral and interment will take place there today. Mrs. Lockamy went to Fayetteville yesterday to attend the funeral. She was accompanied by Mr. John Branch.

Captain Lockamy was for many years a conductor on the old Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad and lived in Fayetteville. For the last ten years he had been superintendent of the Garrell building in this city. He was always very faithful in the performance of his duties and Mr. L. H. Skinner, owner of the Garrell building, yesterday paid a high tribute to the deceased for the splendid work he did.

The deceased was born in Fayetteville 62 years ago and lived in that city most of his light. He was a Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias.

The funeral will be held at Fayetteville this morning at 11 o'clock from Hay Street Methodist church and will be attended by the Masons and the Knights of Pythias.

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED

At Meeting of Executive Committee of N. C. Division, U. D. C., Held in Tarboro.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Division United Daughters of the Confederacy, met in Tarboro, N. C., at 10 A. M., Thursday, December 14, 1916. The meeting was held in the office of the president, Mrs. Jacksie Daniel Thrash, the entire committee being the guests of Mrs. Thrash in her beautiful and hospitable Colonial home.

Promptly at 10 o'clock Mrs. Thrash, the president, called the meeting to order. After a full discussion of the State work, as planned for the year 1915-17, the following recommendations were adopted, which Mrs. Creasy, the recording secretary, was instructed to prepare for publication in the State Journal, the omcial organ of the North Carolina Division, U. D. C., and other interested papers:

Recommendation No. 1.—The North Carolina Division, U. D. C., gratefully accepts Mrs. Gordan Finger's offer of a U. D. C. column in the Charlotte Sunday Observer, and urges that each chapter show its appreciation by hearty co-operation with Mrs. Finger.

Recommendation No. 2.—The executive committee, N. C. Division U. D. C., most heartily concurs in the endorsement of the State Journal as an official organ. The chapters are urged to subscribe for a chapter copy of the State Journal, also to seek to get as many individual subscribers as possible among the members, and to contribute chapter news to The Journal. The State president U. D. C. and the State editor both guarantee a report each month, and oftener if possible.

Recommendation No. 3.—Collection of relics by chapters and individual Daughters should be encouraged. These relics should, whenever possible, be sent to the State Hall of History, either as loans or gifts, for protection, safe keeping and an aid in preserving North Carolina history.

Recommendation No. 4.—This committee returns sincere thanks to Col. Fred Olds for his generous offer of his and Mrs. Olds' collection of medals and badges. These being offered if the State Division has a place for the safe keeping of such relics.

Recommendation No. 5.—That the erection of the Gettysburg monument be made the paramount issue in State work for this year.

Recommendation No. 6.—The second especial work shall be the raising of our State's proportionate share of the fund for the Jefferson Davis Monument Association, under the leadership of General Young, Mrs. Jacksie Daniel Thrash, our president, has been appointed State director for this work. It is proposed to erect the second highest obelisk in the world to mark the birthplace of Jefferson Davis, the South's great leader and Confederate President. This monument is to be unveiled October, 1917, this being made possible by the generosity of General Littlefield, of Texas; General Carr, of North Carolina, and General Young, of Kentucky. North Carolina hopes to raise at least $1,000. General Littlefield has promised that for every dollar raised, he will give two dollars.

Recommendation No. 7.—Educational work should be stressed by each chapter. Our children, the hope of the South, must never be overlooked, for it is they who are to carry on the work bequeathed us by our heroic fathers.

Recommendation No. 8.—That a committee be appointed to urge the chapters to co-operate heartily with the veterans in their efforts to secure increased pensions, also that they unite with the veterans in trying to secure State aid to assist in defraying the expenses of the Veterans' Annual Reunions. This committee has been appointed and will be published in the minutes.

Recommendation No. 9.—The State librarian has asked for a complete register of every woman in the North Carolina Division, U. D. C., with the Confederate record of her ancestor under whom she joined. The committee recommends the compliance with the request and has referred the matter to our State registrar, Mrs. Herbert McCullers, for investigation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to the call of the president. The committee will hold several meetings during the year at the homes of its different members.

MRS. JACKSIE DANIEL THRASH,
Pres. N. C. Div. U. D. C.
Mrs. W. M. Creasy,
Rec. Sec. N. C. Div. U. D. C.

CUTTER SEMINOLE WENT TO RESCUE DISTRESSED YACHT

Minnesota Driven by Storm Off Cape Lookout on Friday Night.

The coast guard cutter Seminole yesterday morning went to the assistance of the auxiliary schooner yacht Minnesota, said to be owned by Mr. John A. Beckley, of the Chicago Yacht Club, which went ashore at Cape Lookout Friday night during the storm that raged along the Carolina coast. The eight men aboard the yacht were rescued by the Cape Lookout coast guard crew.

The Minnesota was reported to the Seminole as being in bad condition. The yacht was bound from Philadelphia.

TO SHOW WORLD SERIES.

Big Feature Picture at Victoria Under Auspices of Drum Corps.

The Wilmington Drum and Bugle Corps announce that they will present at the Victoria on December 27th, the great motion picture firm made of the last World's Series baseball games, between Boston and Brooklyn, which were filmed by the Selig Polyscope Company, the show being presented as a benefit performance for that organization.

The World Series films, for the first time in the history of world series, were taken to cover every angle of every game in the series, making the film consecutive by using birds-eye view to cover the entire diamond. They also had a camera stationed at each base, giving all close-up details of every play. This was something new and never before accomplished in motion pictures, and enables all of America to see the games just as from the grandstand.

It required five reels to cover the entire series, and this five-reel feature will be presented with some other exclusive features to make up a two-hour show. The members of the Corps now have tickets in hand for sale, and are enlisting the aid of the general public in making the affair a success financially for them.

Christmas Gifts

That are Appreciated by the Recipient and Show the Thoughtfulness of the Donor.

A DIME SAVINGS BANK

Which We Will Give You, and You Can Place Therein One or Several Small Coins.

A NEW GOLD COIN

Placed in a Neat, Small Coin Holder, and Sent With Your Christmas Wishes.

These are Real Christmas presents, and we suggest them to you. Our bank Always Provides a large supply of New Currency, Gold and Silver, for its friends, during the Christmas season and will be pleased to serve you.

"OLD AND STRONG."

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

COR. FRONT AND PRINCESS STS.

NEW MONEY FOR XMAS.

GOLD SILVER CURRENCY

As Has Been Our Custom for Many Years Past, We Have Laid in a Supply of New Money for the Christmas Needs of Our Customers.

It Will Be Our Pleasure To Serve You

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

110 Princess Street

Oldest and Largest North Carolina Savings Bank

JOB DEPARTMENT IS SOLD

Wilmington Printing Co., Acquires Control of This Part of the Business of The Dispatch.

The job printing department of The Dispatch Publishing Company has been purchased by the Wilmington Printing Company and will be taken over tomorrow by the new owners. The deal was closed several days ago but the actual transfer was delayed until contracts which The Dispatch company had could be completed. The consideration is understood to have been approximately $5,000.

The entire equipment, including printing presses, bindery machinery, all stock and material and the good will of the job department have been bought by the Wilmington Printing Company. The equipment will be moved from the Dispatch building, No. 8 North Second street, to the plant of the new owners, at Nos. 116-118 North Second street.

It is understood that The Dispatch Publishing Company will devote its entire energies to the publication of The Evening Dispatch. The job department was started 20 years ago at the same time that The Dispatch was established and a large patronage has been built up. The equipment has been kept thoroughly up-to-date and will be quite an addition to the plant of the Wilmington Printing Company, which is planning for an increased and growing business. This company was organized five years ago and is now one of the leading concerns of its kind in the State.

Maj. Joseph W. Little, president of the company, said yesterday that it was the intention of the Wilmington Printnig Company to enlarge its business as the need arises. The new equipment will be added to the present plant, which is already one of the most complete in the city.

The sale and removal of the job department will give more room in The Dispatch building for the newspaper composing room. Changes on the interior of the office, on the second floor, so as to give the desired additional room, will be made early this week and The Dispatch will then be in much better shape to handle the newspaper end than at present.

NEW DRUG STORE CHARTERED.

Wilmington Men Finance Wilson Enterprise—Capital $25,000.

The Terminal Drug Company, of Wilson, which began business last week, was chartered yesterday with a capital of $25,000 authorized, and $5,000 subscribed. The men subscribing to the capital were Messrs. J. A. Orrell, D. B. Branch, R. V. Kennedy and Dr. Houston Moore, of Wilmington. Mr. D. C. Moore, a former resident of Wilmington and a brother of Dr. Moore, is manager of the new concern. The charter specifies that the home office of the corporation shall be in Wilson.

MUSICAL PROGRAM TONIGHT.

Special Organ Recital at St. James' Episcopal Church—Hymns.

A special musical programme will be given at St. James' Episcopal church tonight which will include the organ selections "Serenade," by Gounod, and "Triumphal March," by Costa, and the singing of Campana's "Dei Profondo," by Mr. John Ferguson Harris.

The organ recital starts at 7:30 P. M., followed immediately by the song service of familiar hymns, sung by the congregation, led by the vested choir of the church from the gallery. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to join in worship and songs of praise.

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Perfect balance of light, strong parts contributes to economy as well as efficient performance.

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This lightness means less gasoline.

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The price of the Touring Car or Roadster, complete is $785 (f. o. b. Detroit)

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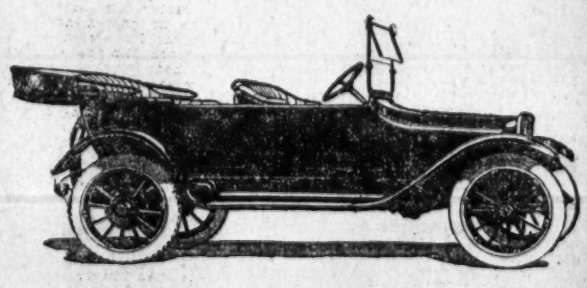

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

All news items pertaining to the work of women and women's organizations will be found on the Woman's Page.

Miss Lila Croom, of Burgaw, is visiting relatives in the city this week.

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Mrs. John J. Parker and family, of Monroe, are visiting Mrs. John L. Maffit, No. 323 South Fourth street.

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Miss Anna Hicks is spending some time in New York on a visit but expects to return home this week.

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Mrs. D. G. Shaw and Miss Nell Fennell, of Kerr, N. C., arrived yesterday for a few days visit with relatives in the city.

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Miss Adelaide Worth arrived home Saturday morning from school at New Haven, Conn., to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

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Mrs. D. R. Brady and Mrs. R. A. Brown were called to Southport yesterday on account of the death of their sister, Mrs. J. Singletary, which occurred at her home in Southport yesterday morning.

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Mrs. Willie H. Orrell announces the approaching marriage of her daughter, Nina Hazel, to Mr. John W. Pridgen on Wednesday evening, December 20th, at 8 o'clock. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride's mother, No. 606 Orange street.

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Mrs. E. M. Gregg, who has been away from the city since last summer, has returned and is now occupying her residence at No. 317 Princess street. After spending some time at Montreat and in Asheville, Mrs. Gregg spent several months with relatives in Columbia, S. C.

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Mrs. J. D. Maultsby, of Whiteville, was brought to the James Walker Memorial hospital on account of a recent injury she sustained when she fell from the porch at her home. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. J. A. Maultsby, Jr., and daughter, Miss Ethel Maultsby.

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Mrs. W. M. Creasy, recording secretary of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughted of the Confederacy, has returned from Tarboro, where she attended a meeting of the executive board of this organization, which was held at the home of the State president, Mrs. Thrash.

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MACCABEES PLAN FOR A MASQUERADE PARTY.

At a meeting between the joint committees of the Cape Fear Tent No. 15, of the Order of Maccabees, and the Ladies' Auxiliary held Wednesday night, it was decided to hold a masquerade party on the night of December 29th, from 8:30 until 11:30.

All members of both societies are invited to attend, and all must come masked. A member will be on duty at the door and to these the guests must be able to give the pass word and vouch for their companions. A prize will be offered to the person guessing the name of the masked domino. Refreshments will be served.

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CHORAL CLUB GIVES CANTATA AT FLORA MACDONALD COLLEGE

Red Springs, N. C., Dec. 16—The Saint Cecilia Choral Club, of Laurinburg, assisted by Miss Nancy Patterson McKibbin, of the voice department of Flora Macdonald College, gave the beautiful cantata, "From Olivet to Cavalry," in the college auditorium Tuesday evening. The work of the organist, Mrs. Walter McEachin, was fine support to the splendid chorus of thirteen voices, whose parts were well sustained throughout and whose rendition of the ten varied divisions of the cantata gave great pleasure and won unstinted praise from the large and cultured audience.

The Community Choral Club, under the direction of Miss McKibbin, is now learning Christmas carols and their singing will add much to the enjoyment of the Yule-tide in Red Springs.

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DELIGHTFUL DINNER GIVEN IN HONOR OF MISS LOGAN.

A delightful dinner was given Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Little at their home, No. 115 North Third street, in honor of the approaching marriage of Miss Grace Logan to Mr. Heman S. Shaw, which will take place on December 27th. Miss Logan was the guest of honor. Mr. A. S. Peatross was toastmaster and each one present responded to appropriate toasts, and extended congratulations and best wishes to the bride-elect. The home was beautifully and artistically decorated for the occasion with holiday colors and evergreens.

The guests present at the dinner besides Miss Logan, the honoree, were Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Peatross, Miss Kate Styron, Miss Nettie Jane Fleming, Miss Lillian Allen and Messrs. Davis H. Howes, Jr., J. L. Becton, Burroughs Smith and John A. Livingston.

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WEDDING OF MUCH INTEREST A TRAIF BLUFF THIS WEEK.

Fair Bluff, N. C., Dec. 16.—Invitations reading as follows have been sent to friends here and elsewhere:

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Prince
requests the honor of your presence
at the marriage of
Miss Leona Benton
to
Mr. John Bert Prince
on Tuesday evening
the nineteenth of December
at six-thirty o'clock
at the Baptist church
Fair Bluff, North Carolina

The bride-elect is from DuBois, Md., and has been the popular and efficient milliner at Hinson & Wards at Nichols, S. C., during the present season. She is an accomplished young woman and has made a wide circle of friends since she has been at Nichols. Mr. Prince is a prominent young business man of this place and is the president and secretary of the Prince Hardware Co., Inc.

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BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING SOLEMNIZED NEAR KERR, N. C.

Kerr, N. C., Dec. 16.—One of the most beautiful weddings ever witnessed in this community was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hall, near Kerr, on Sunday, December 10, when Miss Katie Norriss became the bride of Mr. John Adams, of Harnett county. The parlor and hall were beautifully decorated with holly and evergreen. The bridesmaids and groomsmen were Miss Nettie Hall and Mr. Will Highsmith, Mrs. Azile Johnson and Mr. Charley Powell, Miss Estelle Brice and Mr. Raymond Melvin, Miss Mollie Peterson and Mr. King Long.

Following these came the bride and groom who were met on the front porch by Rev. Mr. Kelly, of Bladen county, who performed the ceremony. The bride wore a lovely dress of blue. Many beautiful presents were received. The groom and his bride are popular among scores of friends who wish for them much happiness.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS SERVE DINNER TO NEWS BOYS

It was a happy bunch of boys that gathered at the Y. M. C. A. last night to enjoy the gracious hospitality of Mr. W. B. Cooper's Sunday school class of Grace Methodist church. These boys are members of the Honnet club composed for the most part of news boys. Those competent to judge said it was the best banquet ever served at the Y. M. C. A. and certainly the boys are ready to agree with that statement.

The young ladies of the Bible class, prepared the food and then served it. After the boys had done full justice to it, interesting addresses were made by Messrs. W. B. Cooper and Davis H. Howes, Jr., chairman of the boys' work committee of the Y. M. C. A. The Houston quartette composed of Mark Noble, Morgan Fenley, Calvert Hall and Hardy Jacobs sang several selections and Alex Boon gave a reading.

After the banquet the boys went to the gymnasium and played games for an hour.

The officers of the young women's Bible class are: President, Miss Midyette; vice president, Miss A. E. Perrin; secretary and treasurer, Miss Sue Boon.

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ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT AT CORNELIUS HARNETT SCHOOL.

A unique entertainment was given the pupils of Cornelius Harnett school on last Friday evening by the principal, Mrs. Hettie Fennell. By 3 o'clock the auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity by the pupils of the upper classes, their teachers, parents and friends when the entertainment was begun by all joining in singing a bright Christmas carol.

Then followed a memorable spelling match between the members of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. When the ranks thinned out to six or seven, Mrs. Fennell invited visiting pupils from other schools to enter the contest. The good spelling of the children would have gladdened the heart of even the professor of the old blue-back speller.

Eunice Johnson, of the sixth grade of this school, came out winner, and Mrs. Fennell presented her with a Japanese vase with the request that she would as soon as spring arrived, keep the vase filled with flowers and place it daily on her teacher's desk.

After the spelling match the crowd dispersed to the basement, where games were enjoyed by the old and the young to the sweet strains from the Victrola.

Miss Kendrick, of the Y. W. C. A. kindly assisted Mrs. Fennell and her teachers in entertaining the little ones, and taught them many new games, thereby winning their grateful hearts. When the dispersing bell sounded at 10 o'clock all gathered around the principal and sang a bright and lovely farewell.

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CLINTON GIRLS ORGANIZE CLUB FOR THEMSELVES

Clinton, N. C., Dec. 15.—It required but the genial warmth of Miss Louise Herring's gracious hospitality to bring into flower the idea of a club long since germinating in the minds of the Clinton girls. Out of a lengthy and interesting discussion the La Marj Club slowly and surely developed and was fully organized in time to receive the congratulations over the phone of its friends.

To Miss Ruby Goode was intrusted the gavel and Miss Margaret Faison was given the pen in order that the world might be informed from time to time in regard to the doings of the La Marj.

On Tuesday night the first regular meeting was held with Miss Margaret Faison. After all business had been disposed of the guests were entertained with an original contest—"A Ballad of Ye Olden Days"—in which occurred all the names of the club members. Miss Mary Black proved most apt in placing the La Marj members in their proper poetic realm and was awarded the prize, a box of Huyler's.

Miss Faison assisted by Mr. Ferdinand Faison served a dainty and delicious dessert. After a most delightful meeting, the club adjourned to meet December 19th with Miss Mary Black.

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WARSAW NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST IN SOCIAL REALM

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 16.—Christian Endeavor Society meeting was very ably conducted by Miss Reba Meadors on last Thursday evening. She handled the subject, "The Power of Christianity," in an interesting manner. There were also readings by Mrs. J. C. Russ and Misses Maria Loftin and Sadie Loyd Smith, and several vocal selections.

Mrs. Faison Pierce and Miss Elizabeth Moore spent last Thursday in Raleigh shopping.

Mesdames J. H. Pierce and Earle Best went to Goldsboro last Thursday.

Mesdames Stanley Wall, J. H. Carter, Herbert Best, Robin Hood and Mr. Carl Womack made a motor trip to Goldsboro last week.

Mr. J. B. Winders, of Parkersburg, spent last week-end in Warsaw.

Misses Mattie Herring and Mary White Carroll, of Lanefield, spent last Saturday in Goldsboro.

Miss Eula Powell is in Savannah, Ga., spending several weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Margaret Best, who has been a student at Gunston Hall, Washington City, for the past few months, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

The third attraction of the Piedmont Lyceum Course, the Wesminster Concert, will appear here in the school auditorium, next Tuesday evening.

Mesdames Robert Browder and Will Owen will be hostesses to the Literature Club, at their home on next Wednesday afternoon.

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SOCIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM WINTER PARK SECTION

Winter Park, N. C., Dec. 16.—Mr. James Sinclair, of Waycross, Ga., visited his home folks this week. James

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NAB ALLEGED SHOPLIFTERS

Colored Women Charged With Attempting to Smuggle Shoes from Store. Two Other Robberies.

The investigation of two robberies committed during the early morning hours, and the nabbing of two alleged shoplifters, as well as guarding the lives of hundreds of Christmas shoppers who thronged the sidewalks, engaged the attention of the local police department yesterday.

The shoplifters were Viola Davis and Luberia Clark, who were alleged to have attempted to make away with a pair of shoes from the store of Mr. W. M. Otersen at Fourth and Campbell streets about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. According to the charges, the two women endeavored to smuggle a pair of shoes under their cloaks and make a get-away before they were discovered, but Policeman Charles Jones was summoned, and the remainder of the episode will be aired in Recorder's court tomorrow.

Mr. Edward Orrell, who conducts a market at Eighth and Grace streets, reported to headquarters early in the morning that someone had entered his market and stolen 75 cents in pennies and a quantity of fresh meats. Policemen W. F. Craig and W. H. Kermon, with the city bloodhounds, were sent to the scene, but after tracing the miscreant some distance from the market the track was lost.

Another accomplished crook unlocked the door of the office at Lee Mack's wood yard on Campbell street and made away with $12. Plainclothes Officer B. W. Jacobs investigated this matter but found no clues as to the identity of the robber.

"PLEASE DON'T PASS ME BY"

How That One Exclamation Kept A Certain "Night Hawk" From Reading the Christmas Number of "Judge"

"Please don't pass me by!"

These were the words that were addresed to hurrying pedestrians on North Front street yesterday afternoon while the mercury was hovering around 27 degrees and old King Winter, in Wilmington fully five days ahead of his scheduled time, fanned the cheeks of fair shoppers with his icy breath, and grasped the muffled figures of mere men in his chilly embrace.

"Please don't pass me by!"

There was a pause to see from whence came this piteous appeal. Each person thus accosted would look once, twice and sometimes thrice before they saw crouched or rather nuddled on the pavement, far back against the protecting wall of a tall building, the figure of a man, with crutches on either side of him, his head bared and each chilly blast stirring his thinning locks.

The eyes that were lifted to the face of the passersby carried a world of appeal. There was that in them that carried a subtle suggestion of pride mingled with humility, and a strange burning light that brought vividly to mind the words of the oft repeated Christmas blessing, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

That gaze was irresistible. The coins fell into the outstretched hat with a never ceasing clink, and after each contribution came the words, for all the world like a priest's benediction, "God bless you, and merry Christmas to you."

As the shades of night drew on the friendly warmth of the lowering sun died away, the disease distorted figure of the hapless man arose with difficulty, and hobbled away in the shadows to await the coming of a new day.

It was while this little tragedy of every day life was being enacted that a Morning Star reporter out on a hunt for a news story, with no prospect in sight, passed along and heard the humble yet eloquent appeal "Please don't pass me by." He paused, glanced at the speaker, started on and was drawn back again by a strange something in the speaker's eyes, and the coin that was intended for the Christmas number of "Judge" fell with a melodious tinkle into the hat of the unfortunate.

As the parting benediction of the mendicant fell on his ears, Front street faded away, and he was once more in the little white pilared church, which was filled with the voice of the minister saying "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

So this morning no Christmas "Judge" appears on a certain desk in the local room of The Star, but perhaps at least one hot draught of coffee was used last night to protect a torture torn body from the good night touch of his majesty, King Winter. For the sake of a "good" story, let's hope so, at least.

BAPTISTS MEET AT SHILOH

Union Meeting of Wilmington Association will be Held December 30-31. Attractive Programme.

The Union Meeting of the Wilmington Baptist Association will be held at Shiloh church, six miles north of Atkinson, on Saturday and Sunday, December 30 and 31. An attractive programme has been arranged and it is expected that a large number of Baptists will gather at Shiloh for the two days' session. The complete programme is as follows:

Saturday.

10:30 A. M.—Davotional exercises by the pastor.

11:00—Organization.

11:15—"What Constitutes a Good Church Member—Church Attendance," by Rev. W. G. Hall.

11:45—Sermon by Dr. John J. Hurt.

1:30 P. M.—"Studying the Doctrines and Practicing the Ordinances," by Rev. J. A. Sullivan.

2:00—"The Christian Quiet Hour" (a) Bible Reading; (b) Prayer, by Odis B. Hinnant.

2:30—"Financing the Kingdom," by C. C. Cashwell, Esq., and L. W. Moore.

3:00—Associational Evangelism, by G. E. Leftwich.

Sunday.

10:30 A. M.—Sunday school.

11:30—Sermon by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark.

2 P. M.—"Missionary Education," by Rev. C. V. Brooks.

2:30—"Specializing on Some Line of Church Work," by Rev. J. R. Green.

3:00—Personal Responsibility: (a) The Church Organizations; (b) Philanthropic Service; (c) Personal Evangelism—C. Walton Johnson.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. S. T. Land, of 520 McRae street, was yesterday permitted by his physicians to leave his room after having been confined all the week.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were: P. J. O'Brien, M. G. Putnam, Ft. Caswell; C. S. Bostic, Charlotte.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at The Orton yesterday were: Jno. H. Thompson, Elizabethtown; C. D. Harrelson, Tabor; H. B. Maxwell, Whiteville; F. B. Gault, Lake Waccamaw; C. H. Cothran, Dixon.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Secretary J. B. Huntington, of the Y. M. C. A., will make the address at the meeting of the Boys' League this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the association building. All the boys of the city are invited to attend.

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Calendar for the Week.

Sunday 5 p. m.—Vesper service.
Monday, 11 a. m.—Religious Work Committee.
Gym 11-12 a. m.
Grade girls class, 3:30-4:30 p. m.
Business class, 5-6 and 8-9 p. m.
Tuesday—Gym morning class 10-11 a. m.
High school girls' class, 3:30-4:30 p. m.
Business girls, 4:30-7:30 p. m.
Wednesday—Discoverers' Club, 3:30 p. m.
"The Hanging of the Greens" and Christmas party of young ladies in the residence.
Thursday—Gym class, 11-12 a. m.
High school girls' class, 4:30-5'30 p. m.
Grade girls, 3:30-4:30 p. m.
Business girls, 5-6 and 8-9 p. m.
Friday—Morning class 10-11 p. m.
Business girls, 6:30-7:30 p. m.
Saturday—Children's class 10-11 a. m.

This class is open to children from six years to twelve. On Saturday of this week a special invitation is extended to mothers to bring their little girls to see the games and marches and take part in them whether they intend to join the class or not.

The Folk Dance.

The public is invited to come and witness the classes at the Y. W. C. A. gymnasium taking folk dancing. In no sense as has been assumed by some, is this a dancing class in the general acceptance of the term.

Folk dancing is a characteristic of the national life of counties as much as the folk song. Those opposed to dancing will not be the least offended by this phase of the gymnasium work at the association. It is one of the three phases of gymnasium work and is taught as a part of the gymnasties in schools and colleges and other Y. W. C. A. in cities teaching this course.

It will be only necessary to visit the gym. on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 10 o'clock to be convinced that this in no sense can be connected with the modern dance.

Miss Kendrick, the physical director, has the following which is self explanatory:

"If there could be only one phase of gymnastics in a school I should advise folk-dancing always for these reasons: It teaches the child history; in that it presents the feelings, characters and occupations of ancestral people as the dances are based on the different countries' characteristics. Just as there is Russian, German, Hungarian, etc., interpretive music so there are also national dances to educate the child into a light of the characteristics of the various countries. It teaches the trade of the different people—for example in 'The Shoemaker's Dance,' there is winding, unwinding of the thread, the pulling the needle through and hammering. It is instinctive for every person to want to give their own expression and feelings in things and so in folk-dances one has a chance of self-expression and a development of grace. Besides this it is very valuable as an exercise for the body. It is more popular than the Swedish drill, or formal gymnastic because it is more interesting. The purpose of gymnastics is corrective, that is, to correct any physical defects, by going through a group of formal exercises that use the brain as well as the body. Gymnastics should stand for recreation as much as development and this can be brought by folk-dancing and not wholly by formal gymnastics. My physical director once said, "If folk-dancing were used from the first grade up there would be no formal drills for corrective."

General Secretary's Report to the Board of Directors.

The purpose. The purpose of this organization shall be to associate young women in personal loyalty to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. It becomes increasingly difficult to tabulate the success of the attainment of this glorious purpose. Yet there is the necessity of some effort to measure this attainment. There is ample encouragement in His direct and simple valuation of the cup of cold water provided the spirit is that of loyalty to His cause.

And now for some facts—What has been going on here? The week of prayer, in World's Fellowship Week, was quite encouraging as to numbers and interest. There were seven meetings held with an average attendance of 40. The Religious Work Committee had a most helpful conference with Miss McGeorge and some of her good association policies have already been worked on. The foundation principle might be said to be self activity. We cannot hear too often that the association is an association all working together.

The girls connected with the Belk-Williams Co., conducted the vesper service on Sunday, November 26th.

The Christmas service is in the hands of Mrs. Noe's Bible Class. This is to be next Sunday, 17th. The Religious Work Committee is trying to plan some sort of service suited to the association. Because some other association has a Sunday afternoon vesper service is no reason that the need of this association can be met in this way. There is a great need of some constructive thinking along this line.

The girls connected with the Kress establishment entertained in the gymnasium the night before Thanksgiving. The group of girls are enthusiastic over the club idea. Wanted A Leader. Who says the association never gives them any thing to do?

The girls at Woolworth's are to have a party on the night of December 27 and are each to invite two people—preferably boys or a boy. This is another group of girls ready to respond to the club idea.

The grade girls have organized into a club, "The Discoverers." This club is rich in possibilities. No leader to be found!

The membership committee is planning some active work for the first of the year. They have worked out a good system and we hope for results to appear soon.

Now for a look ahead—Your treasurer's report along with with finance chairman's, demand some definite thinking and planning. Before any constructive work can be planned the money is necessary. The finance campaign in February demands immediate attention. In the office some interesting tabulations have been made as follows: The number of contributors in

1914 ..... 341—$3,762.50
1915 ..... 335—$2,545.00
1916 ..... 324—$2,248.40

The amount and number of subscriptions have decreased each year. It would be more preferable to have the number who subscribe increase though the amount subscribed be less in amount of subscriptions. It is to be hoped that the association is becoming more and more self supporting provided the work is growing. Are we getting the value of the money? These $8,000 spent every year, in character—That is all we exist for.

Now the need of workers—workers—who are willing to sit down together for a number of hours before February and study good finance methods and help to compile a complete list of possible subscribers and with the organization of the teams. These things are absolutely necessary to the success of the campaign. We must make a dignified and inteligent appeal, if we cannot furnish such workers we are not worthy to exist. We speak of all these efforts and never mention prayer. Do we believe in God's work or ours? Do we really believe that He is able to work through our efforts?

The woman's page, which is giving the needed publicity to our work is the inspiration of many remarks of appreciation. This is a good channel for education. The publicity chairman of the finance campaign should be appointed early in January and should pave the way for the workers by articles explaining the association's policies and work. It has been proved absolutely that the public is willing to help support the work for young women—that it is a safe civic investment—if they know about it.

Co-operation is the cry of the century! We should not work off in a corner. Miss Kendrick and the physical committee have a good plan whereby they may work through the public schools. If the girls will not come to us we must go to them and show them what good things we have. There never was a time when there was such a necessity of thinking and praying. The condition of the world demands our deep sympathy and our earnest prayer. Christmas, the anniversary of the birth of Him who came to bring life, is here again. May we each this Christmas time get a deeper insight into that life and into the power of its creation.

NANCY ANDERSON,
General Secretary.

New Year's Reception.

Every friend of the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. and this should include every person in Wilmington is invited to the New Year's reception the evening of January 1st at the Y. M. C. A. from 8 to 10:30. There will be a match game of volley ball in the gym between the High School girls and the boys, also a drill by the Y. W. C. A. girls. A musical programme will be presented by some of Wilmington's best musicians. The directors of both associations will receive and conduct

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IN DAME FASHION'S TRAIN

Unique Exhibit of Styles, Arranged by Lady Duff Gordon, to be Shown at Victoria Theatre.

An attractive entertainment, showing the prevailing styles since 1790, which was given in New York last May, arranged by Lady Duff Gordon, as an educational feature of the programme for the benefit of the delegates, attending the biennial will be given in the Victoria theatre Thursday afternoon, December 21st, under the auspices of Sorosis in connection with a fine musical programme.

Sixteen young ladies, debutantes, will wear the dresses. This unique entertainment is given to illustrate the evolution of styles, some of which were very impracticable and extreme, and to impress the necessity of standardization of styles for women. The exhibit was first given in this State by Mrs. Henry A. White, chairman of Home Economics of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs at the council meeting in November. Mrs. White saw it in New York and recognising a good thing with educational value, brought it to this State.

The Music Department of Sorosis will present an attractive programme of Christmas songs appropriate for the season and "The Three Springs," sung by a chorus of trained voices. The price of admission will be 25 cents.

The following article written by Mrs. Gordon Finger, editor of the Woman's Page, of the Charlotte Observer, gives a splendid description and history of these dresses and is well worth reproducing.

History of Costume.

"Dame Fashion" is an elderly female, for all she appears ever oftener in newer and more fantastic guise.

She has kept an unconscious diary in ancient photograph, moth-eaten trunk of hair cloth, or sweet smelling lavendered chest. They form their own narrative of folly, incongruity, extravagance, wanton disregard of health laws, decency and good taste.

An exhibition of costumes covering the historic period from 1790 when Washington was President, to the latest President-elect, Woodrow Wilson, was displayed at the Piedmont theatre Friday afternoon and evening by the Woman's Club. There was the elegant court train of the Marie Antoinet period times worn by Miss Elizabeth Withers; the famous Grecian bend of brocaded satin, worn by Miss Huldah Groome; the bustle in the heydey of its size and popularity showed up in a pink satin, worn by Miss Jeane Robinson. The puffed dress, familiar to war times, was displayed in lavender brocaded by Miss Janet Gardner. Miss Corrine Gibbon was lovely in a white satin drop shoulder evening down of 1830 period. A gorgeous black velvet "dolman" was worn by Mrs. J. O. Gardner; a voluminous cape of the 1880's was worn by Miss Marjory Wearn. The long waisted basque period was portrayed by Miss Mary Brevard Alexander in a Paquin gown of green and gold brocade; the slashed feature of fashions favor in tan and old rose, was worn by Miss Brown. The short high collared cape and bretelles was shown in pale blue silk and tan by Miss Dudie. Of more recent times there were the balloon sleeve, hobble skirt and up-to-the-minute gowns for street and afternoon, worn by Miss Lillard and Miss Withers.

The costumes are the property of Teachers' College, of Columbia University, New York, and are very valuable; many of them were turned out by the most exclusive and expert modistes of America and Paris and contained the insignia of Worth and Paquin.

They were loaned to the State chairman of home economics, Mrs. Henry White, of High Point, and have been displayed for educational purposes, as a warning and an object lesson in a few places fortunate enough to profit from their short stay in the State. They were first shown at the Council in Morganton, Tuesday at Lexington and from Charlotte they were sent to Wilmington where Sorosis will exhibit them. The most readily drawn conclusions from a viewing of the exhibit are, that fashions have improved later in that dresses are not so heavy, that the waist is not constricted, but in the matter of fickleness, on which extravagance of time, materials, and energy depends, the limit must surely have been reached. The past decade has witnessed more radical changes in the mode of dress than existed in the century and a half of time before that. That the manufacturer, dealer and dressmaker have had a hand in juggling with the favor of "Dame Fashion" no one doubts. But woman, who has been at once the victim and exploiter of these wild and uncomfortable, sometimes hardly decent clothes, is a free agent. She may allow the wild orgy to continue to waste family income and sap her own strength and energy, estranging her from the better, higher things of life, or she may declare her own independence by establishing a standardized suit for street that may be made in good materials for real service.

There could be no greater display of the sense and efficiency of the womanhood of America than such an accomplishment would prove. It would mean the vetoing of the ancient hobgoblin sophistry. "It is better to be out of the world than out of fashion." It would mean the erasure of the records of tradition of the female sex just as the men are asked to leave off their time honored supremacy in matters of government. However, this beneficent change can be accomplished without resort to constitutional amendment or reference to a vote of the states.

Fashion is merely a question of what "they wear" and the two millions of women and more of the General Federation of Women's Clubs should be able to furnish quite a noticeable portion of the American "they" who portion out the points of gowning that shall mark a woman a "frump," "dowdy," "tackey," or admit her to the choice circle of the well dressed.

FOR KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

Dr. McClure Will Deliver Sermon at 11 O'clock Today.

Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure will preach the annual sermon to the Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, nKights' Templar at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock this morning. The commandery will form at the Asylum, Masonic Temple, in full regalia and march to the church.

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is a fine fellow and has many friends here.

Mr. C. F. Williamson was called to Americus, Ga., last week on account of the serious illness of his sister. She was some better when he returned on Monday.

Mr. R. Lacy King has moved into his nice bungalow at Audubon and he and his family are well pleased with their new home.

Rev. Mr. Moore, of Marion, N. C., will preach at the Baptist church at 11 a. m. Sunday. It is desired to have a large congregation to hear him.

The teachers and pupils of the school here will give a Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening at the school building.

Dr. J. C. Herring, of Warsaw, N. C., recently visited his sister, Mrs. W. B. Bevil. The doctor is as youthful and lively as he was 15 years ago.

The Baptist Sunday school will have their Christmas tree and entertainment next Friday evening at the church. Everyone will have a good time.

Mr. Leon Walsh is building a nice cottage at Audubon, which he and his family will occupy when it is complete.

Mr. P. H. Walsh is having material placed on the ground for the erection of a nice home at the intersection of Winter Park and Audubon.

Friends here deeply sympathize with Mr and Mrs. James Wright, in the loss of their only son, which occurred last week.

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MR. AND MRS. FOY CELEBRATE FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Scott's Hill, N. C., Dec. 16—On Thursday evening, December 14, a reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Foy, by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Foy to their many friends, on the occasion of their fifth wedding anniversary.

The rooms on the lower floor were beautifully decorated with ivy, Southern smilax, ferns and cut flowers, and were lighted by numbers of small white candles. The guests were met at the hall door by Mr. Roderick Sidbury and Mrs. L. L. Culbreth and ushered to the cloak rooms.

They were then shown into the south parlor where they were introduced to the receiving committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Foy and Mr. J. L. Foy. Mrs. J. L. Foy and Mrs. Richard Jones receiving in the east parlor Every guest then engaged in a pleasant half hour's conversation, after which beautiful and old time music was rendered by Mrs. F. L. Brown and Miss Edith Sidbury. Charming selections on the Victrola was also a pleasant part of the evening's entertainment.

At 9:30, the guests were invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served. The many and lovely gifts on display in this room attested to the wide popularity of the young couple. The remainder of the evening was very pleasantly spent, and the guests on departing showered many good wishes on their charming hosts and hostesses, for many coming years of happiness.

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CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF FAYETTEVILLE AGGRESSIVE

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 15.— The beautifying of the surroundings of the Atlantic Coast Line passenger station, a report on the planting of 40 young oak and pine trees in LaFayette Park, plans to provide a happy Christmas for indigent children, and preparations for a fancy dress ball to be held during the holidays were some of the things that occupied the attention of the Civic Association at its monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon. Complaint was made that the surroundings of the most important passenger station in the city are not attractive enough and steps were taken toward making them so. A grass plot in front of the station will be fenced off and planted in bulbs and flowers. In this connection it was recalled that travelers say that prettier women board the trains at Fayetteville than at any other town in North Carolina.

Mrs. N. A. Sinclair, the president, reported that 25 young live oak trees, secured near Rowland, and 15 white pines, given by Dr. Franklin S. Clark, have been set out in LaFayette Park, which belongs to the association. Plans were laid to see that Christmas stockings were provided for the poor children on the association's list. The bene-

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it will be under the management of a committee appointed Wednesday afternoon. The officers' reports were very encouraging, especially that on the work of the rest room. Gratification was expressed that some of the most progressive cities and towns of the State are following Fayetteville's lead in establishing rest rooms.

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LEAP YEAR MIXED FOURSOME GOLF MATCH YESTERDAY.

Notwithstanding the low temperatures and the rather brisk north wind that was blowing, there were 20 couples playing in the leap year mixed foursome handicap golf match at the Cape Fear Country Club yesterday afternoon and some good scores were turned in. In this event the ladies were allowed to choose their partners.

The event was for nine holes and the first prize, handsome copped cups, were won by Mrs. Theodore Empie and Mr. W. A. Townes, with a net score of 42. The second prizes, golf balls, were won by Miss Gertrude Bell and Dr. J. W. Stanly with a net score of 45.

The gross scores, handicaps, and net scores in the event were as follows:

Miss Janet O'Neill and Mr. J. W. Carmichael, 65, 9—46;.

Miss Christine Stevenson and Mr. M. Calder, 56, 7—49.

Miss Mary Bell and Mr. B. H. Bridgers, 68, 9—59.

Mrs. J. V. Grainger and Mr. J. V. Grainger, 70, 14—56.

Mrs. Warren Elliot and Mr. F. W. Dick, 56, 9—47.

Miss Marguerite Walker and Mr. J. F. Roache, 56, 7—49.

Miss Fannie Grainger and Mr. Isaac Grainger, 65, 12—53.

Miss Marie Grainger and Mr. Raymond Hunt, 67, 11—56.

Mrs. C. S. Grainger and Mr. C. S. Grainger, 70, 10—60.

Mrs. Theodore Empie, and Mr. W. A. Townes, 53, 11—42.

Miss Lucy Murchison and Mr. M. A. Curtis, 75, 15—60.

Mrs. A. B. Skelding and Mr. A. B. Skelding, 53, 5—48.

Miss Gertrude Bell and Dr. J. W. Stanly, 55, 10—45.

Mrs. Cuthbert Martin and Mr. W. U. Robertson, 61, 9—52.

Mrs. Lyman Delano and Mr. D. W. Gross, 59, 11—48.

Mrs. E. K. Bryan and Mr. E. K. Bryan, 70, 14—56.

Mrs. E. C. Hines and Mr. E. C. Hines, 73, 15—58

Miss Helen Clark and Mr. G. G. Thomas, Jr., 74, 14—60.

Mrs. Tate Moore and Mr. Geo. Clark, 84, 15—69.

Mrs. A. M. Thompson and Mr. A. M. Thompson, 74, 13—61.

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KINSTON SOCIAL NEWS NOTES OF A WEEK OF INTEREST

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 15.—About a hundred young persons attended a reception in the social rooms of the First Baptist church Tuesday evening given by the Baraca and Philathea classes of the Sunday school in honor of Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell, a charming visitor from Lumberton, who is the house guest of Miss Roberta Pridgen, at Gordon and McLewean streets. Miss Caldwell rendered an original reading of "Pollyanna, the Glad Game," in delightful fashion. She graduated recently from a Boston school of elocution. Mrs. Dan Quinnerly sang several selections, and a piano and violin duet was rendered by little Miss Kathleen and Master Robert Rhodes. Among the "young folks" was Dr. B. W. Spilman. Of course, the gathering took advantage of the doctor's presence. He paid the tribute levied with two Uncle Remus stories and told them in a way that would have made Uncle Remus "hisself" smile. Ice cream and cake were served.

The local Woman's Club is crying out for help in the matter of the community Christmas tree. It is intended to be an ever so big tree, and too much of a burden, members say, for the club to handle without assistance. So, next week Kinston as a community will take a hand. The women will arrange most of the details. An interdenominational choir from the churches will render a programme of carols. The municipality will furnish elaborate illumination.

At Moss Hill school a few nights ago a gratifying sum for a school benefit was realized by means of a musical offered by the teachers and pupils. The attendance was large. Selections rendered by young vocalists and instrumentalists ranged from the popular songs of the day to difficult bits of the classics.

The Round Table Club met with Mrs. J. A. Long at her home in North Kinston Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Gaynelle Heath was hostess to quite a party of young ladies at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Heath, on Waters street, last Saturday evening. The occasion partook of the Christmas spirit. Amateur seamstresses sewed on Christmas gifts. A light supper was served the guests.

Mr. W. A. Thomas and Miss Minnie Small, a well known young couple, were married here this week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. P. Smith in the parsonage of Gordon Street Christian church, on McLewean street. There were few witnesses.

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DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF A WEEK AT FAYETTEVILLE

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 16.—The Duplicate Auction Club was entertained by Mrs. John M. DeVane at her attractive bungalow, "Plainfield", in the suburbs Wednesday afternoon. Among those who enjoyed Mrs. deVane's hospitality, besides the members of the club, were the hostess' sister, Mrs. Charles Philip Lovell, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. H. W. Lilly.

Dr. J. V. McGougan was host to a number of friends at a barbecue supper at his beautiful country place, "Skibo", Tuesday night. In addition to the barbecued meats an old time Southern repast of the bounteous kind was laid. The rooms were attractively decorated with holiday greens, such as holly and mistletoe and smilax.

Mrs. J. B. Underwood was hostess to the Married Women's Bridge Club Tuesday afternoon at her home on Rowan street. Invited guests were Mrs. John H. Anderson, Mrs. Robert Strange, Mrs. Biscoe Howell, Miss Jean Pemberton and Miss Fan Kyle, Miss Pemberton winning the visitors' prize, a card deck. The club prize, an etched vase, went to Mrs. H. M. Pemberton. After the game, chicken salad, scalloped oysters, beaten biscuits, cheese straws and coffee were served.

The Tuesday Bridge Club was entertained by Miss Eleanor Huske at her Haymount home this week. Mrs. William S. Jordan, Mrs. S. W. Tillinghast, Miss Kathrine Robinson, Miss Sophronia Cooper, Miss Margaret Broadfoot and Miss Belle Tillinghast were Miss Huske's invited guests. A salad course with coffee was served.

A brilliant and, at the same time, a delightful affair was the dance given by the cadets of the Donaldson Military School last Friday evening at the school. Fifteen fair members of the younger set danced the hours away with the cadets and enjoyed the other social features which made the evening one of the happiest in the history of Donaldson. Festoons of bamboo and holly gave added attractiveness to the hall in which the figures were danced. A palmist's booth was discovered, in which absorbingly interesting readings were given by a charming palmist who proved to be one of the patronesses, Mrs. J. H. Anderson. A fascinatingly novel feature was a spider web formed toward the close of the evening, being composed of threads at the end of which each man found his fair partner. The patronesses of the dance were Mrs. W. T. Lawton, Mrs. J. B. Underwood and Mrs. J. H. Anderson.

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CLARKTON NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST IN SOCIAL REALM

Clarkton, N. C., Dec. 15.—The Junior Christian Endeavor Society held their first social at the home of the superintendent, Miss Kate M. Johnston, on last Saturday afternoon. The afternoon was greatly enjoyed by the large number of children present. As the weather was unusually warm for the season outdoor games were enjoyed and the shouts and laughter of the merry crowd was sufficient evidence of the delightful time they all were having. Toward evening, the children repaired to the parlor where a cheery wood fire was glowing, and gave an impromptu concert, consisting of music, recitations and the like. Apples were served by the social committee, consisting of Misses Lula Mae Smith, Helen Clark and Mildred Russ. The only invited guests were Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Goodman.

There seems to be an epidemic of measles and mumps in this section. As yet no cases have developed in the town proper.

Mr. John Singletary, of Loris, S. C., has moved his family to the M. L. Cromartie farm, near here.

That Christmas is nearly here is shown by the brilliant displays in the different stores. In spite of "hard times," there seems to be an unusually fine line of Christmas specialties on exhibition.

Miss Eva Kelly, who is teaching at Mt. Gilead, came home Wednesday evening for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Currie and children, Messrs. Elihu Meares and D. M. Smith, spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

"Polyanna," which was given by Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell, of Lumberton, at the auditorium last Friday evening, was greatly enjoyed by the audience. In his introductory address, Mr. O. L. Clark said that he had been called on at various times to introduce to Clarkton audiences many distinguished speakers, including governors, congressmen and men high in business and social life, but he had never felt it more of an honor to introduce anyone than he did Miss Caldwell. The young lady was received with great enthusiasm, and gave her audience a most delightful entertainment.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Mary Wooten and Mr. Francis L. Beard, of Davidson, which will take place at the home of the bride's parents at 2:30 p. m. on December 21.

School will close for the holidays next Wednesday. The honor roll for the past month is unusually long. The highest average was 98, and was won by Mr. Fitzhugh Clark and Miss Clyde Hutchison.

Miss Lila Simpson has returned from a visit to relatives at Rowland.

Miss Annie Lou Kelly came home from Sanitorium Friday.

Mr. C. S. Clark was leader for Christian Endeavor Society meeting Sunday evening on the topic, "Defy Evil." Strong talks were made by Mr. Clark and Rev. W. H. Goodman. Papers were read by Miss Amelia Wooten and Mary E. Johnston.

Mr. Ed Wooten, of Whiteville, the genial representative of The Star, was in town Thursday.

Miss Belle Townsend, who has been nursing her brother, Mr. A. V. Townsend, near here, returned to her home at Lumberton Thursday evening.

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MR. HENRY FAIRLY LONG WEDS MISS CORA COVINGTON STANCILL

Rockingham, N. C., Dec. 15.—In the Main Street Methodist church on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock there was solemnized one of the prettiest wedding ceremonies ever witnessed in Rockingham, the contracting parties being Miss Cora Covington Stancill and Mr. Henry Fairley Long. Simplicity and beauty characterized the decoration of the church.

The color note was carried out to the smallest detail. The musical programme preceding the ceremony was beautiful. Mrs. Fred Dickinson at the pipe organ rendered first "Forget Me Not," and the "Rosary" as solos. Mr. Stancill Covington followed with "I Love You Truly." As the first notes of the ever-beautiful "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin were sounded the bridal party entered in the following order: Ushers, Messrs. James Covington, June Diggs, Harry Grimsley and George Shannonhouse. Then followed Miss Helen Long, the maid of honor, gowned in pink tulle and silver lace over pink taffeta, carrying an armful of pink roses. Next the dames of honor, Mrs. G. G. Shannonhouse and Mrs. F. W. Leak, handsome in white tulle and satin, carrying pink roses. Following the dames was the ring bearer, little Miss Elizabeth Shaw, niece of the groom. She was dainty and sweet in a ruffled organdie frock with pink sash, carrying the ring in the heart of a white lily. Leaning on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. F. W. Leak, the bride was met at the altar by the groom with his best man, Mr. Zack Long. The impressive service of the Methodist church was used. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march the bridal party left the church. The bride never looked handsomer than in her wedding robe of white duchess satin with real lace, pearl trimmings and court train. Her veil was caught with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

The bride of the evening is the youngest daughter of Mrs. J. M. Stancill. She is a talented musician, having been graduated from the music department of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, and is a handsome and charming young woman. She has been the recipient of numerous social honors since her wedding was announced six weeks ago. Mr. Long is the son of Mrs. H. F. Long. He is a young man of business ability, pleasing manner and numbers his friends by his acquaintances. The young couple received a number of beautiful wedding gifts. Following the ceremony the bridal party and friends went to the home of the bride for an informal reception. Salad and coffee were served. The bride and groom left on a late train for New York. After January the 1st they will be at home in Rockingham.

Among the large number of out-of-town guests who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shaw, of Petersburg, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shannonhouse, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Farris and Mr and Mrs. Alfred Caldwell, of High Point; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hicks, of Biscoe; Mr. Harry Grimsley, of Greensboro; Mrs. J. N. Anderson, of Albemarle; Miss Ruth Russell, of Monroe; Miss Harriett Orr, of Charlotte; Miss Blanche Simmons, of Greenwood, S. C.; Misses Kate and Shepard Leak, of Wadesboro; Miss Sarah Dockery, of Hernando, Miss; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Land and Nathan LeGrand, of Hamlet.

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CLUB MEETINGS FEATURE IN ASHEVILLE SOCIAL CIRCLES.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 15.—Social events during the past week have been limited mostly to club meetings. The near approach of the holidays, and the consequent amount of shopping, is occupying so much attention that things social are almost neglected. The usual hotel dances were held during the week, at Grove Park Inn and Battery Park hotel.

Miss Julia Goodrich was hostess to the Current Literature club on Wednesday. The subject for the winter is "Modern Literature" and Mrs. H. Taylor Rogers gave the principal paper at Wednesday's meeting.

The Girls' Card club held a business meeting Tuesday at the home of Miss Eugenia LeCompte, at which plans for the winter were discussed. The club decided to meet every other week. Miss LeCompte served delightful refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Memminger will return next week from New York and will join their daughter, Miss Christine Memminger, here. Miss Memminger was hostess at Grove Park Inn during the week at an elaborate dinner, given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lance Holmes, who were recently married in Virginia, and who have come to Asheville to make this city their home. Covers were laid for twelve.

The Woman's club held an interesting meeting Monday with Mrs. James M. Gudger as hostess. Mrs. Charles Malcolm Platt and Mrs. J. Brainerd Thrall read excellent papers before the club and the hostess served delightful refreshments.

Mrs. J. M. Mitchell entertained the Friday Book Club this week, the subject for the day being "The Russo-Japanese War and Siberia." Miss Smith led the discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Meriwether entertained a number of friends at an informal dance at their new home in Forest Hill during the week. A large number of the younger dancing set were present for the dance. A buffet supper was served at midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Fergus Stikeleather have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Estelle Stikeleather, to Mr. Elliott Alexander Fox, the wedding taking place at Hendersonville, November 13. Mr. and Mrs. Fox will make their home at Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cesare, who have been the guests of Mrs. Cesare's mother, Mrs. William Sidney Porter, at her home near Weaverville, have returned to New York. Mr. Cesare is a famous New York cartoonist and his wife is the daughter of the late O. Henry.

Miss Louise Arbogast was hostess at the largest party given during the week, entertaining at cards in honor of her guest, Miss Nell Yeager, of West Virginia. Miss Myrtle Gudger made top score and received first prize, an exquisitely etched perfume bottle; Miss Byrd Henderson received a daintily embroidered handkerchief as second prize; Miss Yeager was presented with a handsome gold vanity case as guest prize. The home was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns. The hostess served a salad course, followed by an ice course.

Mrs. Arnold H. Vanderhoof entertained this week with a delightful tea in honor of her house guest, Miss Waddell.

The Asheville chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, met with Mrs. Eugene B. Glenn this week. Mrs. Glenn, the regent, appointed committees for the year and other important work of the chapter was discussed. The hostess served refreshments.

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER GREENSBORO SOCIAL NEWS

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 16—Miss Lyda Sellars, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sellars, of 226 Summit avenue, was married Sunday morning, at the residence of her parents, to Mr. M. A. G. Kinney, a traveling man of Charlotte. The ceremony was solemnized by Rev. J. Clyde Turner, of the First Baptist church, and was a very quiet affair, only a few intimate friends and members of the families of the contracting parties being present. Miss Marion Higgins and Mr. Charles H. Tysinger were the only attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Kinney left Monday for Charlotte and points south for a honeymoon trip, after which they will be at home in Charlotte. Mrs. Kinney is one of Greensboro's most popular young women, and her many friends will regret to learn that she is to leave the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Andrews have announced the engagement of their daughter, Onnie Parker Andrews, to Horace Buford Patterson, of Charlotte, the wedding to take place January 10, 1917. Miss Andrews has made her home in Charlotte since her graduation from the Greensboro College for Women. She is an accomplished and lovable young woman, and has many friends in Greensboro and Charlotte. Mr. Patterson is a successful young business man.

Miss Gretchen Taylor was hostess to the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club this week at her home in Fisher Park. Mrs. A. B. Joyner won the prize for the highest score. The club had several guests besides the regular members, namely: Misses Ruth Vanstory, Annie Louise Wharton and Grace Snow, and Mesdames John Atwell, John Booth and Sydnor DeButts, of Richmond, Va. At the close of the games, the hostess served a salad course.

Mr. Ralph E. Mitchell, who has accepted the position as director of music at the First Presbyterian church, arrived here Thursday to enter upon his work. Mr. Mitchell has made a very favorable impression upon those who were so fortunate as to hear him sing while he was in the city some time ago, considering the offer of the church.

The San Souci Bridge Club met with Miss Cora Moore at her home on East Market street Saturday afternoon. Miss Moore served a salad course.

The soloists for "The Creation," the oratorio to be rendered by the Greensboro and State Normal college chorus December 17th and 18th have been announced. They are Miss Kathryn Severson, of the college, soprano; Benjamin S. Bates, of the Greensboro College for Women, tenor; and Edmund Jahn, of New York, basso. There are 200 singers altogether composed of men of the city and women of the college student body and others. The chorus will render the music December 17th, Sunday afternoon, for the students of the Greensboro College for Women and the State Normal College, and on December 18th, Monday evening, for the public. Admission will be by ticket, but these tickets are to be given away, as they were last year, and may be had on application to the registrar of the State Normal.

Mrs. Wm. Y. Preyor entertained the Thursday Bridge Club Thursday afternoon at her home on Smith street. At the conclusion of the playing it was found that Mrs. C. H. Andrews had made the highest score, and she was presented with a club prize, a sweet grass sewing basket. The hostess served a salad course.

The Thursday Afternoon Bridge Club met this week with Mrs. Max T. Payne. After several exciting rubbers, Mrs. W. B. Vaught was awarded the club prize, a china plate. Mrs. John Waldrop won the guests' prize, a book. The hostess served a salad course.

The Round Dozen Bridge Club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Harry Livingstone Lee at her home on North Edgeworth street. Mrs. Lee had as her guests in addition to club members Mrs. Ceasar Cone, Mrs. Robert Irvin and Mrs. D. A. Walters. At the close of the afternoon the hostess served refreshments.

Invitations have been received in Greensboro reading as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Poe Anderson invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Effie, to Lycurgus Cutler Watkins, Tuesday evening, December 19th, at 6 o'clock, St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Greensboro." The bride-elect is an attractive young woman, and although she has lived in Greensboro only a short time, she has greatly endeared herself to a wide circle of friends by her charming manner and winsome disposition. The future bridegroom is a young business man of sterling qualities and popular with a large number of friends. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watkins, of 605 West Market street. He has been in Charlotte in the cotton business for several months.

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ROCKINGHAM SOCIAL NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Rockingham, N. C., Dec. 16.—Mrs. W. N. Everette gave an elaborate tea at her home on Everett's Heights in honor of Mrs. W. N. Everette, Jr., who prior to her marriage two weeks ago was Miss Lina Lockhart, of Wadesboro. Mrs. Everette's home always lovely, was never more attractive than on this occasion when masses of gorgeous chrysanthemums, roses and carnations were artistically used in the decorations, while rose shaded table lamps and innumerable candles added a soft glow. The guests were welcomed by Mrs. M. H. Russell, Mrs. Beverly Payne Mrs. W. C. Leak. Receiving were Mrs. W. N. Everette, Mrs. W. N. Everette, Jr., Mrs. Howard McLendon, of Wadesboro; Miss Cora Stancill and Mrs. J. W. Covington. In the library were Mrs. Isaac London, Mrs. Hugh May, of Charlottesville, Va., and Mrs. J. R. Chalk, of Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. John Dockery invited the guests into the dining room where Miss Bessie Everette, Mrs. A. C. Everette and Mrs. H. C. Dockery received. Serving were Misses Rosa and Jennie Parsons and Beth Thomas. In the coffee room Mrs. J. P. Leak poured tea, assisted by Miss Ernestine Nuttal. During the afternoon more than 100 guests called to meet Mrs. Everette, who is a charming addition to Rockingham society.

Mrs. Edgar Davis entertained most delightfully this week when she had as her guests the members of the rook club and several specially invited guests. Tables for rook were placed in the reception hall and parlor. Miss Cora Stancill was presented with a meat fork by the club, hers being the initial wedding of the club since its organization.

Misses Pinkie and Fannie Steele were hostesses during the week to an informal Forty-Two party, two tables being played, the party being given in honor of Mrs. J. W. Covington.

Mrs. W. C. Leak was a most charming hostess to a large number of friends Tuesday afternoon of this week when she entertained at a beautiful reception in honor of Miss Cora Stancill, the bride of the week. The Leak home was particularly inviting with its pretty decorations and many lights.

At the front door Miss Marguerite Paschal extended hospitable greetings. The hallway was festive in its decorations of greenery, trailing cedar and ivy, festooning the stairway and chandeliers. Introducing to the receiving line was Mrs. M. H. Russel while receiving with Mrs. Leak were Miss Cora Stancill, Mrs. W. N. Everette, Jr., Mrs. J. W. Covington and Mrs. Hugh May. The parlor was aglow with many candles and artistically arranged pink carnations and ferns. Directing to the dining room were Mrs. Beverly Payne and Mrs. L. D. McPhail. Here the decorations were beautiful, the chandelier over the table being caught with graceful bows of white muline. Mrs. A. C. Everette and Mrs. Sam Steele poured coffee and tea, assisted by Misses Rosa and Jennie Parsons and Wilma Stancill, who served a salad course and confections. From the dining room the guests were ushered into the punch room where potted plants and pink carnations made an effective setting. Receiving here were: Miss Mary Cole, of Raleigh; Mrs. Tom Marshall and Mrs. James Leak, of Wadesboro. Presiding at the punch bowl were Mrs. W. N. Everette, and Mrs. J. P. Leak, assisted by Mrs. W. L. Parsons and Mrs. Frank

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COTTON MARKET SITUATION

Annual Government Crop Estimate and Comment by Firm of N. L. Carpenter & Company.

The crop estimate of the government, issued by the Agricultural Department, is always looked upon as the climax of the cotton season, because the universal confidence in the official figures puts a quietus on the random estimates which have been current for so many months. The break in the market today of a cent a pound, following the estimate of 11,511,000 bales growth—which indicates with linters a commercial crop of 12 1-4 to 12 1-2 million bales—has little bearing on the final value of cotton. It is natural for speculation to take hold of any commodity, the supply of which is known to be less than required for consumption, and speculation of this sort is frequently overdone. The action of the market today indicates that in the particular case of cotton, the bull movement was overdone.

The bull fever carried prices upward nearly 9 cents a pound since the season opened. It had, like typhoid, to run its allotted course. Its force was spent only when spinners, who had been willfully blind to the impregnable position of cotton, were forced to lay in supplies imperatively needed. As soon as they were brought to this pass, their minds were relieved and the upward pressure was naturally lessened; for there is nothing more soothing to a manufacturer, who has sold his product far ahead at handsome profits, than to feel that he has enough raw material on hand to allow him time to make a survey of the situation.

The first real check to the upward rush of prices for both cotton and goods can be traced to the day when Marshall Field & Co., advised their 15,000 customers to reduce their shelf stocks, and to replenish them only from week to week. The effect of this was not at first noticeable, but the leaven was there and steadily got in its work. Later on, merchants representing mills who were badly caught because of their failure to secure their cotton against forward sales of goods, made good use of the advice which has been so potent in previous years. All they asked of the mills was to stop buying for a reasonable period and let speculation run its course.

At first the absence of demand made no impression, but, little by little, offerings by holders began to make their weight felt, and, little by little, speculative longs began to take notice. Once the upward swing showed signs of being effectually checked, the eagerness of longs to take profits did the rest.

The most remarkable advance of the season started on Bureau day, October 2nd, when the last condition report of the season was published. The course of January will give an idea of the rapid movement of prices. On the day before the Bureau, January closed at 14.10. It crossed the 15-cent mark on October 17th. It crossed the 19-cent mark on October 23rd. It crossed the 20-cent mark on November 14th. It crossed the 21-cent mark on November 20th. And culminated at 21.19 for January. The top of the year was thus reached on November 27thn when May, the highest-priced month, sold at 21.55.

The culmination of the early bull movement does not mean that the season has come to an end. In fact, counting by months, the season is little more than one-third gone. The other 7 1-2 months remaining may hold many surprises.

The tenderfoot crossing the desert on his first venture is apt to draw freely on his water canteen, only to find his tongue hanging out before he reaches the next water hole. The cotton market today things it sees ample supplies, but before next May, there may be a different story to tell, including impossibility to buy cotton almost regardless of price. And then it must be remembered that a new supply cannot possibly be available in quantity until October, 1917.

What do you suppose Germany and Austria have been doing in the matter of providing supplies to start up their cotton mills against the day when peace or an armistice may be at hand? People and horses are judged by their past performances. Germany and Austria last year—and even in the first year of the war—picked up hundreds of thousands of bales of cotton at low prices, held their stock intact until a new crop and new supply came on the market, then sold out their accumulations at handsome profits, and waited for a break in prices to do the same thing over again. It does not require any argument to show that their purchases last December and January around 12 cents are not worrying them. If the war should reach a climax before the new crop comes on the market there will be at least a million bales ready for export to Germany and Austria, and possibly twice as much. One of the features of the cotton situation generally overlooked is that these German-Austrian warehouse stocks here in America might just as well be held in the moon, as far as their availability for spinners is concerned for the months between now and the new supply, ten months away.

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TRAINING IS BENEFICIAL

New York Guardsmen Return From Texas in Fine Shape.

(New York World.)

Nothing was more observed in the guardsmen of the returning Seventh, as in those of the Seventy-first, the Fourteenth and other commands in other places, than their abounding physical health, their vigor and self-confidence. The men on the border have endured the midsummer heat of a trying climate, with much of the labor and some of the hardships of actual warfare. Their gain in health and strength in such conditions testifies to the value of discipline and of ordered, balanced exercise out of doors under expert instruction. All the correspondents except those sent especially to find fault have noted their improvement. The people at home confirm their judgment.

If the World should ever become a convert to conscription, it would not be from fear of the Japanese toasting in sake the fall of San Francisco or of German guns trimming down the Woolworth Building to the pattern of Rheims. It would be because training might instill into the unlicked American sub the instinct of solidarity, the habit of discipline and the physical well-being of systematic exercise. Universal military service appeals to its most rational supporters, not because it is military, but because it is universal and because it is service.

MAYOR ENDORSES ALEXANDER

Charlotte's Chief Executive Urges Wilmington Men to Hear Address Here This Afternoon.

Mayor T. L. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, vouches for Mr. R. O. Alexander as being a speaker well worth listening to and urges Wilmington business men to hear the address at the court house in this city this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It may be said by way of parenthesis that Mr. Alexander is a well known Charlotte business man and that he does not depend on lecturing for a living.

Mayor Moore received a telagram from Mayor Kirkpatrick yesterday morning reading as follows: "Mr. R. O. Alexander, of this city, will speak in your city next Sunday, December 17. His subject will be 'What the Bible Says About This War and The United States Being Invaded.' We have heard him here. Mr. Alexander has recently been to Salisbury, Greensboro and Raleigh. Tell your business men to hear him. No collections are taken. He has a live subject of great interest."

Mr. Alexander does not fear to express his views nor does he mind the place where he expresses them. He has very decided views on religious questions. For this reason, if no other, he will no doubt have a large audience to hear him this afternoon.

SOCIAL

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Pegues. Quite a number of friends called during the afternoon.

The Lilly Duke Missionary Society of the Methodist church gave Miss Cora Stancill a handkerchief shower, at the home of Miss Georgia Biggs on Wednesday afternoon. This came as a complete surprise to Miss Stancill, who has been their leader for the past year. They served a salad course and tea.

One of the most brilliant prenuptial affairs given in honor of Miss Cora Stancill was the elaborate luncheon by Miss Johnsie Cameron on Saturday morning. The lower floor of the handsome home was thrown ensemble and fifteen tables arranged for rook. The decorations which were of red and green bore out the Christmas colors while the centerpiece on the dining room table was a crystal vase holding smilax and red berries.

Miss Beth Thomas was hostess to the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club at her home on Fifth avenue Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Cora Stancill with 12 members and ten visitors present. The invited guests were: Miss Cora Stancill, Mrs. J. L. Armstead, Mrs. Isaac London, Mrs. John Chalk, Miss Jennie Watson, Mrs. W. F. Long, Mrs. W. S. Thomas, Mrs. W. N. Everette and Mrs. F. W. Leak. The prize for the highest score was won by Miss Ernestine Nuttal—a handsome deck of cards, while Mrs. W. N. Everette, Jr., cut the visitors prize—perfume. Miss Cora Stancill, the honoree, was presented with a pair of handsome silk hose. The Thomas home was never more attractive than on this occasion when it was decorated with a profusion of potted plants and red geraniums. At the close of the afternoon a tempting salad course was served.

Miss Mary Cole, of Raleigh, is the charming guest of Mrs. A. Settle Dockery. Miss Cole will be largely entertained by her many friends.

Miss Ruth Harrison, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis in St. Leo's Hospital in Greensboro, is at home and improving. Miss Harrison is a student at the State Normal and hopes to be able to resume her studies after the holidays.

Mr. Isaac London, of Siler City, spent last Sunday in town with Mrs. London and little William Everette London.

COUNTY TEACHERS MEET

Many Matters of Interest Are Discussed at Monthly Gathering.

A well-attended meeting of the New Hanover County Teachers' Association was held yesterday morning at the Hemenway school, at which the subject of discussion was the work done by members in the Reading Circle work.

The teachers are now reading Charter's "Teaching the Common Branches," and a very helpful discussion took place on the ground covered during the last month. This work is being done under the supervision of the State University and the Department of Education at Raleigh, which send out questionnaires for the teachers to answer.

The meeting was presided over by Prof. Washington Catlett, who outlined plans for the observation of North Carolina Day immediately following the holidays and also called the attention of the teachers to the fact that it will soon be time to start up the night schools for adult illiterates.

INVITATIONS ARE ISSUED

Order of Railway Conductors to Attend Divine Service This Morning

The members of the local division of the Order of Railway Conductors will attend in a body the divine services at the First Baptist church this morning. The following invitations have been issued:

The Order of Railway Conductors
cordially invite their brothers and co-workers to meet
on Sunday, December 17, at 10:30 a. m.
in their Division room
at Third and Princess Streets
and attend in a body the annual sermon
of our Order which will be
delivered by
Rec. J. J. Hurt in the First Baptist
Church
Wilmington, N. C.

Disorderly House Raided.

An alleged disorderly house run by a colored woman named Bessie Wilson on 13th street between Church and Castle was raided snortly after midnight last night by County Officer H. Mack Godwin and Policemen W. R. Applebury and Leon George. Bessie, together with Ethel Kennedy, Carrie Frank and Mattie Williams, three inmates of the house, were arrested.

$250,000 BOND ISSUE UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSED

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than this, because the work would have to be done over again within the next ten years. Besides, the children who attend the Union school are as much entitled to a playground and outdoor exercise as the children who attend the other grammar schools and various districts in attendance were as they cannot get these advantages on the present Union school property.

"Money should be provided by the people to carry out the High School project as now contemplated and certainly the school authorities should submit it to the people and let them defeat it if they are opposed to it, rather than abandon now what may be regarded as the most essential part of the reconstruction of the public schools of New Hanover county.

"I am aware that the Board of Education, school committeemen and superintendents and teachers, who are carrying the responsibility of the education of the children of this country, are a unit in this matter, and I believe the entire public will sustain them."

Addresses of Speakers.

In addition to the discussion of the proposed bond issue, other matters discussed by the committeemen and the city and county superintendents included "The Duties of Committeemen", "Employment of Teachers and Their Salaries," and the like.

Prof. Washington Catlett stated the purpose of the meeting, following which he read an extract from "North Carolina Education," on the subject of the duties of school committeemen, the central theme of which was the need of introducing approved business methods in every department of the work.

Following Professor Catlett's statement, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Kellum who presided and made a short address in which he outlined methods and plans to meet the needs of the county.

Practical Education.

Mr. D. L. Gore, chairman of the Williston Industrial committee, in presenting the claims of the practical side of education, declared that "what you want to incorporate in the life of a nation must be introduced through the medium of the schools, and this should include habits of industry and thrift and a recognition that all forms of labor are honorable. He added that the courses of study should be so arranged as to meet the varied demands of modern life.

Mr. F. H. Fechtig, of the same committee, declared that school teaching was the most poorly paid of all professions, and emphasized the fact that the salaries of teachers had not advanced with the salaries of employes in other lines of endeavor, or in proportion to the increased cost of commodities of all classes. He also emphasized the necessity of committeemen having a clear perception of their duties, and then performing them.

County Commencement.

Other matters acted upon by the committeemen included the decision to hold the county commencement of the rural schools in Wilmington on account of the fact that the city is the most central and convenient place for such an event. The following committee to arrange for the commencement was named: Messrs. G. T. Shepard, Walter Horne, H. O. Thomas, J. R. Morris and C. H. Alexander.

It was also decided that hereafter the committeemen will hold their regular monthly meeting on the last Saturday of each month. The next meeting wil be held at the Hemenway school at 2 o'clock on January 6th.

Districts Represented.

Chairman W. A. McGirt, representing the Board of County Commissioners, was in attendance at the meeting, although he took no part in the proceedings. The committeemen from the J. R. Morris, of District No. 8, Acorn Branch; G. T. Shepard, of District No. 11, Middle Sound; C. H. Alexander and G. R. Parker, of District No. 12, Scott's Hill; G. W. Westbrook, of District No. 13, Wrightsville; H. O. Thomas, of District No. 14, Seagate; J. F. Beasley, of District No. 15, Winter Park; O. Martindale and G. C. Bordeaux, of District No. 16, South Wilmington; Addison Hewlett, of District No. 17, Masonboro; Walter Horne, of District No. 18, Myrtle Grove; H. B. Williams, of District No. 19, Oak Hill; D. L. Gore and F. H. Fechtig, of Williston Industrial school.

Only Six More Days For Christmas Preparedness

The Rush of Holiday Shopping Will be on This Week--Every Store Will be Crowded to its Capacity to Handle all Customers, but You Will Find This Store as Always in the Lead With Service. We Have More Floorspace and Can Accomodate More People at One Time, We Have a Larger Number of Well Drilled Salespeople and Our Delivery Is Quick.

Come Here First and You Can Save Lots of the Trouble and Worry

GLOVE SILK UNDERWEARS.

Beautiful Glove Silk Underwears, made by the foremost Americna manufacturers, and is quality throughout. Come in both flesh and white, and are exceedingly popular for practical Christmas gifts.

Corset Covers, 98c to $1.69.

Envelope Chemises, $2.95 to $4.95.

Vests, $1.48 to $2.25.

Bloomers, $1.98 to $2.95.

Union Suits. Knit cotton body, with glove silk top, white or flesh, all sizes, at $1.25.

1,000 BOXES CHRISTMAS HANDKERCHIEFS.

Every conceivable style for Men, Women and Children, and packed in attractive holiday boxes, 10c to $1.50.

Ladies' Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs, assorted colors, at 25c each.

Men's Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, 6 in box, at 85c and $1.50 per box.

Men's Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, 15c and 18c.

HAND BAGS and NECKWEARS

All the new shapes and sizes, in soft leather bags, with plain or fancy linings, priced 50c to $5.00.

Children's Leather Hand Bags, 25c, 50c and 98c.

Ladies' Folding Purses, 25c, 50c and $1.00.

Ladies' and Children's Mesh Bags; all the new shapes, 98c to $5.00.

Beautiful Organdy Collars, 25c, 50c.

Crepe de Chine Collars, 50c and 98c.

Cream Broadcloth Collars, 50c, 98c and $1.50.

WHAT OUR SHOE DEPARTMENT OFFERS.

Ladies' High Lace Boots, in all the wanted shades, high or low heel, at $6.75 and $7.00.

Men's Dress Shoes, in all the leathers. Well made and very moderately priced, at $4.00 to $5.50.

Ladies' Bed Room Slippers, 85c to $1.50.

Men's Bed Room Slippers, $1.25 and $1.50.

Children's Bed Room Slippers, 50c and up.

SILK HOSIERY.

Ladies' Silk Plaited High Boot Hose, blacks and colors; extra good wearing quality, at 50c.

Ladies' Pure Thread Silk Hose, medium weight, black and colors, at $1.00. Fancy Colored Silk Hose, at $1.25.

CHRISTMAS STATIONERIES AT POPULAR PRICES.

Violet Linen, Marine Linen and Beaux Arts Box Papetries, in white and all the delicate tints. New shape boxes, especially designed for holiday selling. Priced 25c to $1.50.

GREETING CARDS.

Christmas Greeting Cards, in all the new shapes and sizes; handsomely designed and worded with finest of remembrance poems. Priced 1c to 25c.

Greeting Post Cards, 6 for 5c.

BELK-WILLIAMS COMP'Y

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

SPECIALTY HOUSE

Useful Christmas Presents Are Found Here In Abundance

Comforters—Down, Wool and Cotton Filled, $1.25 to $15.00.

Shirt Waist Boxes—Cretonne and Straw Covered, $2.50 to $8.50 each.

Pillows and Pillow Tops—In Satin and Tapestry, 50c to $4.00 each.

Blankets—Cotton and All Wool; single, three-quarter and double beds, $2.00 to $15.00 a pair.

Doll Carriages—English Go-Cart Style; one-fourth off regular price.

Toys—Few Pianos, Tool Chests, Horses and Shoo-Flys left; special price to close.

Bags and Suit Cases—Suitable for Ladies or Gents, $3.50 to $15.00 each.

Art Squares and Rugs—Suitable for Any Sort of Room or Hall; in Velvets, Axminsters, Wool, Fiber and Crex. Small Rugs to Match.

STORE NEXT TO ORTON HOTEL.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

SISTER OF SLAIN MAN BRIDE OF THE SLAYER

Hyman Epstein Weds Miss Judith Edwards in Charlotte.

Man Acquitted Last Week in Goldsboro of Murder in Connection With Killing Leonard Edwards Weds Latter's Sister.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 16.—Another chapter was added to the Epstein-Edwards tragedy Friday when Hymen Epstein, who was acquitted in Superior court in this city last week, charged with the murder of Leonard Edwards in front of the latter's home last April, was married to Miss Judith Edwards, a sister of the late Leonard Edwards, the ceremony being performed in Charlotte Friday afternoon, according to a telegram received by the father of young Epstein last night announcing the wedding.

The telegram was sent by Hymen Epstein but did not give any particulars, only stating that the marriage had been performed.

Immediately following the trial last week both Hymen Epstein and Miss Judith Edwards left the city, and many people here then formed the opinion that the young couple would sooner or later get married. Therefore the marriage surprised but a few in this city.

During the last trial of Epstein for his life, charged with the killing of Leonard Edwards, Miss Judith Edwards sprung a sensation when she was called as a witness for the defense, in which she claimed that her brother, Leonard, was armed at the time he was killed by Hymen Epstein and that before Epstein fired the fatal shot she heard the latter cry out "Turn me lose!"

Miss Edwards was also a witness at the first trial of Epstein, which resulted in a "hung jury," but did not at that time give the same testimony she presented at the last trial, and those attending the trial from beginning to ending believe that the evidence of Miss Edwards proved a big factor in Hymen Epstein being acquitted, and that otherwise he would have either been electrocuted or received a long term in prison, owing to the damaging evidence introduced by a State witness, Mrs. R. L. Crow, the only other eye witness to the tragedy, who stated that Epstein shot Edwards several feet from the latter, and that at the time she could plainly see the two men.

Young Epstein has a wealthy uncle residing in Texas, who attended the trial here last week, and, while the rumor could not be confirmed today, it is said Epstein will take his bride to Texas and make his future home with his uncle.

Miss Judith Edwards left here Tuesday presumably to visit a married sister in Salisbury, and probably the family of the young lady were the most surprised people in Goldsboro to learn of the marriage.

KINSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAY RAISE COWS AND CHICKENS

May Run Model Farm to Show Home Folks and Visitors How.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 16.—The Kinston chamber of commerce may raise cows and chickens. A novel idea advanced by a visitor from the Middle West is being given consideration by officials of the organization. Declaring that the crying need of this section is development of the farms, he suggested that a modal farm be operated by the chamber of commerce as an example to resident planters and an inducement to foreign farmers to locate here. The visitor called attention of the chamber officials to the fact that the State Agricultural Department and the resident farm demonstration agent would in all probability be glad to maintain a sort of supervision over the model plantation, which, according to his idea, should be given over to experiments in diversification, farmers' side lines, etc. The farm, he thinks, should be kept as "clean as a pin" and as up-to-date as possible. It would be a profitable asset of the camber of commerce, he believes. Officials of the body, thinking the same, declare the idea "lacks a lot of being unreasonable; we are not going to pass it up without thinking it over, not by a long way."

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

(Continued From Page Seven).

the guests through the building. Come and wish your friends and the association a happy and prosperous New Year. It will be a very informal affair and no one need remain away because of the aversion to wearing evening clothes.

Increase in Number Served in the Dining Room.

There have been 376 meals served in the dining room during the past week, an average of 56 a day. With the increased capacity of the dining room accommodations there has been an increase in the number served. The management is making a specialty of dinners to members for 25 cents, and the meals are good ones. During the month past the dining room met all obligations, that is the income covered the expenses and a small balance was reported. So much for scientific management.

Blue Ridge Club Sale.

The Blue Ridge Club is exhibiting some unusually attractive articles for sale in the living room of the association. These articles include Japanese and Russian brass, a number of Japanese pictures on silk tissue suitable for framing for 25c and up. All articles are most reasonable in price. The sale will continue Monday and Tuesday and the members of the club will be glad to show any visitors the wares.

Sunday Afternoon Vesper Service

The Christmas vesper service of the association is being planned by the Business Woman's Class and promises to be one of the most enjoyable services of the year. Mrs. M. T. Flyler will have a Christmas message to bring and Miss Letitia Melvin will tell a story. Mrs. Maude Foy will preside. Special music has been arranged. All women and girls are cordially invited. The hour is from 5 to 6 p. m., December 17.

Literature Department Meeting.

The Literature Department of Sorosis engaged in the study of American literature, held a most delightful meeting on Thursday afternoon with a large number present and those who were absent missed an entertaining and instructive programme. "Know your own country" is a good slogan to follow and this would include the advice to become familiar with American authors, and poets and be able to converse on the subject of their style of writings and the class to which they belong.

The subject was "Later New England Types" and dealt mainly with the realistic writers of New England rural life.

A sketch was read bringing out the characteristics of the style of William Dean Howells, by Mrs. J. B. Cranmer.

The programme was as outlined in the year book:

"The Rise of Silas Lapham"—(William Dean Howwels)—Mrs. J. B. Cranmer.

"A New England Nun"—(Mary Watkins Freeman)—Mrs. Aubrey Parsley.

"Deep Haven"—(Sarah Orne Jewett)—Mrs. W. J. Bannerman.

"The Story of a Bad Boy"—(Thomas Bailey Aldrich)—Mrs. Frank Ross.

"North of Boston"—(Robert Frost)—Mrs. R. L. Cobb.

A GOOD WOMAN

(Contributed by the Author—A Young Girl).

There's a little word called Woman,
And oh it spells so much,
It means a world of beauty,
It spells a woman's touch.

2.

She's the joy of the heart
The light of the home
The blessing of childhood
When little feet roam.

3.

Her smile brings much comfort
And how her words bless
The whole world is longing
For woman's caress.

4

Her touch like an angel's
Can sooth away pain
From the tired sick soul
And world weary brain.

5.

Her feet never tiring,
The journey has trod,
Her eyes lifted upward
To Heaven and God.

6.

She brightens the heart
And brings sweet relief
To those who are bowed
In sorrow and grief.

7.

She sings the sweet song
That others have sung
And brings back a soul
That has tarried too long.

8.

She lives in the mansion
A bright jewel there
And beams in the hut
Where rooms all are bare.

9.

She's an angel of mercy
By night, by day,
She scatters kind words
On life's highway.

10.

She lifts up the fallen
Helps those who thirst
Sacrifices herself
That they may be first.

11.

The Master shall say—
As you sit at His feet,
"'Twas woman who led you
To this life so sweet."

12.

Yes, woman's one missive
Is to comfort and bless
And the whole world is longing
For woman's caress.

Music Department of Sorosis.

The Music Department of Sorosis, which is studying American music, presented a delightful programme of Negro Folk Songs at the club room Wednesday morning to an appreciative audience.

The musical programme was preceded by an article by Booker Washington on Negro Folk Music, read by Mrs. R. G. Grady, and one on Coleridge Taylor by Mrs. Frank Ross.

The musical programme consisted of the following folk songs:

"At the Down of Day" (Coleridge Taylor)—Mrs. Frank Ross.

Two Negro Spirituals—"De Rocks a Rendin'" (Arthur Farwell)—Mrs. J. D. Edwards.

A Negro Melody, (Burleigh)—Miss Maude Bulluck.

"My Merlindy Brown" (Burleigh)—Miss Katherine Vollers.

"I'm in Trouble" (Coleridge Taylor)—Mrs. W. A. French.

"Steal Away" (Coleridge Taylor)—Mrs. A. M. Waddell.

A Banjo Song (Sidney Homer)—Miss Katie Foard.

"Uncle Rouie" (Sidney Homer)—Mrs. George Boylan.

"My Old Kentucky Home," (Stephen Foster); "Old Black Joe" (Stephen Foster); "Old Folks at Home",—Sung by all present.

The regular monthly meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held at the W. L. I. armory Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are requested to be present as important matters are to receive attention.

SANTA CLAUS TO SCOUTS.

Wilmington Man Donates 150 Diaries to Commissioner Odis Hinnant.

A Wilmington business man is acting as Santa Claus to the Boy Scouts and has donated 150 diaries to Scout Commissioner Odis B. Hinnant, who is authorized to distribute them among the Boy Scouts. He will be in his office Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 6 o'clock and Boy Scouts are asked to call during those hours and get their copy of the diary, which is especially designed for them.

TO SUCCEED JUDGE COOKE

Ben T. Holden is Urged by Big Franklin County Delegation—Appointment Not Made.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—A big delegation from Franklin county added Ben T. Holden, of Louisburg, to the list under consideration by Governor Craig for appointment as Seventh district Superior court judge to succeed his townsman, Judge Charles M. Cooke, of Louisburg, resigned.

The delegation pressed into service Judge R. W. Winston as a special spokesman in advocacy of their candidate. Franklin support is unanimous for Holden and Governor Craig told the delegation they had greatly impressed him and that their candidate should have careful consideration; furthermore, that he would not appoint for a few days yet. W. H. Yarborough and Major J. A. Turner headed the delegation.

Assistant Attorney General T. H. Calvert is another Wake aspirant being urged along with Albert Cox, W. H. Pace and others.

FOOTBALL INSIGNIA AWARDED TO 17 MEMBERS OF 1916 TEAM.

Only Four Will be Lost to the 1917 Eleven by Graduation.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Dec. 16.—The athletic association of Wake Forest College announces the awarding of football insignia to 17 members of the 1916 "Varsity football team. Sweaters with the "W" are given to the following players who are making their letter for the first time: Champion, halfback; J. Pace, halfback; Croom, halfback; Foreman, fullback; McKnight, tackle; Blizzard, guard; Blankenship, center.

The 'Varsity players receiving their star are: Captain Parker, fullback; D. Face, quarterback; Langston, end; Harris, end; Olive, tackle; Shaw, guard. The "W" is awarded to Savage, end; Coble, guard; Humber, end; Jordan, end.

Out of the above 17 players only four will be lost to the 1917 eleven by graduation. With the exception of Captain Parker, fullback, and Foreman, a subback, the backfield will remain intact. D. Pace, captain-elect, will be found again at quarterback, while J. Pace, Champion and Croom, halfbacks, are all eligible again. In the line Harris, end, has played four years, and McKnight, tackle, is lost by graduation. Langston, Savage, Jordan, ends, will return next season. Olive, tackle, Blankenship, center, Blizzard, guard, Shaw, guard, and Coble, guard, will be eligible again in 1917.

The awarding of letters marks the official close of the football season. Wake Forest finished the past season with a record of three victories and a corresponding number of defeats.

THREE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH IN MOUNTAIN CABIN

Family Entrapped in Two-Room Home Near Canton, N. C.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 16.—Three persons were killed, two seriously burned and two others slightly burned as the result of a fire which entrapped the Penland family living in a two-room cabin near Canton, 20 miles west of Asheville, late last night. The three persons who were burned to death were Jack Penland, about 67 years old, and his two daughters, Mildred, 21 years, and Laura, 14 years. Of the four other occupants of the house, who narrowly escaped with their lives, the two most seriously injured are Mrs. Penland, 58 years old, and William Penland, 16, both of whom were brought to Asheville this morning and placed in a local hospital.

MRS. O. O. WATTS DEAD

Wilmington Woman Passed Away Yesterday at Noon—Funeral Today.

Mrs. Ella Lee Watts, wife of Mr. O. O. Watts, passed away at her home, No. 920 South Third street, yesterday afternoon at 12:20 o'clock. She was 38 years old and a daughter of Mrs. S. C. Burriss, who survives her. Surviving also are one brother, Mr. Alonzo Burriss, and three sisters, Mrs. Alice Owens, Mrs. Mary F. Dew and Mrs. Julia Owens, all of this city.

She was a member of the Christian church and possessed many lovable traits of character. Her death came as a great shock to a host of friends in this city and elsewhere, all of whom will sympathize with the family. Besides her husband she is survived by one child.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence and the interment will be in Bellevue cemetery. All members of the Junior Order, who can do so, are asked to attend the services this afternoon.

MRS. J. R. RACKLEY DEAD

Splendid Christian Woman Passed Away at Home at Delgado.

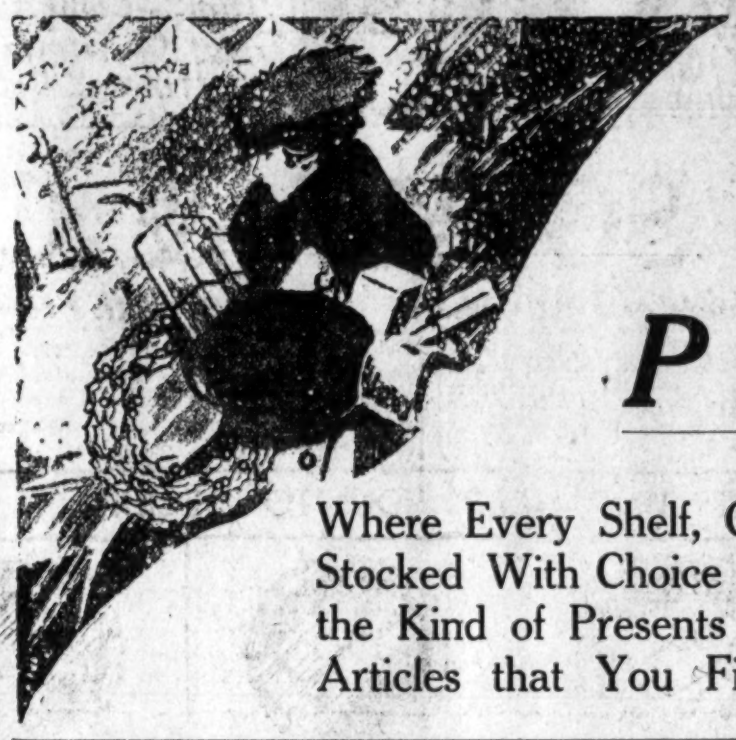
Many friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. J. R. Rackley, which occurred Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at her home at Delgado. She was 67 years old. The funeral was held at the home last night at 8 o'clock and the remains will be taken on the early morning train today to Watha for interment.

Surviving besides her husband are six children as follows: Mrs. J. Craig, Mrs. J. A. Rivenbark, Misses May and Norah Rackley and Mr. J. J. Rackley, of Wilmington, and Mrs. B. F. Reaves, of Hampstead. Surviving also are two sisters, Mrs. Matilda Arthur and Miss Addie Bienlett, both of Wilmington.

She was a member of Watha Baptist church and was a splendid Christian women with a wide circle of friends, who will tenderly sympathize with the family in their bereavement.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Ruffs, for the whole family. d15,17,19,21

J. W. H. FUCHS' DEPARTMENT STORE



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The Christmas STORE for WOMEN

The Christmas STORE for MEN

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Odd Fur Collars
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Bath Robes for Ladies
Children's Bath Robes
Sweaters
Cow Boy Suits
Blankets—Comforts
Coat Suits—Dresses—
Ladies' and Children's Coats—
Rugs—
Fancy Bath Towels
Hemstitched Pillow Cases
Hemstitched Sheets
Bureau Scarfs
Fancy Center Pieces
New Umbrellas

Leather Hand Bags
Scarf and Cap Sets
Jewel Cases
Fancy Aprons
Laundry Bags
Toilet Sets
Shaving Sets
Manicure Sets
Collar Boxes
Leather Cases
Fancy Glass Sets
Men's Silk Ties
Windsor Ties
Silk Petticoats
Silk Waists
Crepe de Chine Waists
Silk Handkerchiefs

Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs
Fancy Box Handkerchiefs
Plain Linen Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Kid Gloves
Ladies' Silk Gloves
Ladies' Silk Hosiery
Art Linens
Pretty Cretonnes
New Silkalines
Heavy Burlap
Sheer Batistes
Fine Nainsooks
Colored Lawns
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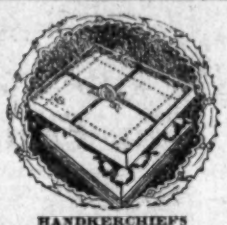

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Hundreds of Handsome Patterns; All the Most Popular Shades; the Kind That Will Appeal to His Good Taste.
25c and Up to $2.00

HOSIERY
Beautiful Silk and Lisle Hose of the Medium and Better Grades make Excellent Gifts.
25c Pair and Up to 55c.

Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Mackinaws, Sweaters and Furnishings

We have not overlooked the little folks in our holiday preparations and parents will be pleased to note the superior character of all merchandise to be found in our large department devoted to boys ranging from three to eighteen years of age. Space will not permit us to enumerate the many good things we have in stock in this section of our big store, and we ask that you take time to inspect for yourself what remarkable values we have brought to this establishment.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats from $3.50 up to $12.00

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER SUFFERS FIRE LOSS

Newspaper Plant Put Out of Commission Early Yesterday.

Observer Printing House, Owned by Different Company, Suffers Loss of Practically Entire Plant. Evening News Helps.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 16.—The printing plant of the Observer Printing House, where the mechanical work on the Charlotte Observer is done, was partly destroyed by a fire that burned for two hours here early today, a large quantity of paper, in addition to much valuable machinery, being destroyed.

The printing plant occupies a four-story building in the rear of the editorial offices and does a large amount of miscellaneous work.

The management of the Charlotte News immediately offered its plant to The Observer, and the latter paper is being gotten out at the News plant pending other arrangements. A new building exclusively for the Observer, which is owened by Curtis Johnson, of Knoxville, and W. B. Sullivan, will be completed in about two weeks.

The fire, which occurred about 5:30 this morning, was discovered by a news boy, it is said, and was then breaking out of the windows on the fourth floor of the building. It completely wiped out the machinery and stock of the printing house and wrought thousands of dollars in damage to the linotypes, composing room equipment and press of the Observer.

The damage to the equipment of the Observer cannot be determined until the wreckage is cleared away and the water pumped out.

It is stated that the damage today to the plant is covered by insurance.

The Observer Printing House is a business wholly separate from that of the Charlotte Observer, being operated independently of the newspaper and owned by an entirely separate corporation. The portion of the mechanical building, however, was jointly occupied by both the printing company and the newspaper.

WILHELM'S YULETIDE GIFTS

Kaiser Will Send President Wilson an Autograph Letter and Book

(European Edition of N. Y. Herald).

Says the Berlin correspondent of the budapest Hirlan: "The kaiser, faithful to his custom of pre-war days, has just drawn up a list of his Christmas gifts. To President Wilson he will send a book, accompanied by an autograph letter, written in English, containing his wishes for both Christmas and the new year. Autograph letters also will be sent to the king of spain, the queen of Holland, the king of Sweden, Sven Hedin, the explorer; the emperor of Austria, King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, the sultan of Turkey, Enva Pasha and Marshal von Hindenburg. The Pope will receive a theological treatise with an imperial dedication."

FAYETTEVILLE'S LAST CHANCE FOR ARMOR PLANT IS GONE

Daniels Will Not Overrule Board's Recommendation in the Matter.

(Special Star Telegram).

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—All hope that the government's $11,000,000 armor plate plant will be established at Fayetteville vanished today when Secretary of the Navy Daniels told Senators Simmons and Overman and Representative Godwin and the balance of the delegation in the House that the plant could not be located at any city within 200 miles of the coast.

Mr. Godwin and the rest of the North Carolina delegation did all they could for Fayetteville, but in view of the fact that the naval board had recommended that the plant be established at some far inland city, Mr. Daniels said he could not overrule their recommendation in this instance. P. R. A.

WHAT GERMAN SOLDIERS EAT

Armies Appear Well Fed, Say Returning Tourists.

(New York World.)

Although everything indicates that the civilian population of Germany is being subjected to constantly increasing restrictions of its food supply, the soldiers seemingly have little reason to complain. Returning Americans who have had some opportunity to judge of conditions say that the troops of the two Kaisers are still well fed. A newspaper published in Frankfort-on-the-Main recently gave the following as the daily allowance for the field.

"There are 200 grams of meat or 200 grams of smoked sausage (this amount is equal to about seven ounces.) 200 grams of canned meats or 125 grams of canned sausage, 55 grams of fat or 350 grams of canned meat or 125 grams of noodles, 125 grams of dried fruit, 25 grams of salt, or 9.4 grams of pepper or 3 grams of cinnamon, 35 grams of roasted or 30 grams of raw coffee, 125 grams of marmalade (from the spoils taken in Belgium) 100 grams of cheese, 3 grams of tea and 17 grams of sugar, or 25 grams of cocoa and 17 grams of sugar, or a tenth of a quart of liquor. Then come two cigars and two cigarettes. As the bread ration in the field a small three-pound loaf every second day or 400 grams of egg swieback every day is issued. The loaves for garrison use weight six and a half pounds and are calculated to last for six days. In baking one of these big loaves the following material is used: 1,925 grams of wheat and rye flour, 215 grams of potato flour and 25 grams of salt."

MANY EPILEPTICS AT LARGE.

And the Ohio Prisons Swarm With Them, Says Croxton.

(From Cincinnati Enquirer.)

Statistics showing the magnitude of the problems arising from the need of care for the feeble-minded in Ohio were presented last night by Fred C. Croxton, director of the Social Welfare Department of Ohio Institute for Public Efficiency, speaking before Social Workers' club in connection with the movement to provide adequate institutional care for the socially unfit.

There are in Ohio, he declared, 16,000 persons in need of such care of whom only 2,200 are confined. The state institution for epileptics, he added, can accommodate but 1,500 patients. He estimated that between 25 and 50 per cent of inmates of the penitentiary and the eight workhouses in the state, one-fourth of the boys and girls in the reformatories at Lancaster and Delaware, and 50 per cent of persons infirmaries, are in fact feeble-minded, and should be treated accordingly.

Referring to what he termed the imperfect development of juvenile research work, Mr. Croxton gave it as his opinion that means should be provided by which children might be confined for feeble-mindedness before legally becoming delinquent or dependent.

Co-ordination among all the social welfare organizations in the State was the principal feature of the programme which he outlined for the campaign in behalf of increased institutional facilities which is to be conducted during the coming session of the legislature. He read a communication from Governor-elect Cox, in which the latter declared himself to be in favor of increased appropriations for this purpose.

SWEDEN HAS NEW CANAL

Lake Wener Now Has Outlet Into The Kattegat.

(Boston Herald)

King Gustaf's opening of the Trollhatta canal should not pass unnoticed. Sweden must be congratulated on having been able to complete the work at a time in which she is greatly harassed.

Many a Swede in this country will be delighted to learn that Lake Wener now has an outlet to the Kattegat and thus to the North Sea, and will make a point of having a look at the canal if he revisits his native land. The lake is the third largest in Europe, having an area of 2,408 square miles, the northearn half in Svealand and the other in Gothland, 50 feet above sea level. It has been long connected by canal and smaller lakes with the Baltic on the east, but wesward seemed its more natural way out, seeing its waters, carried by the river Gota over the pictureque Trollhatta falls, are poured into the Kattegat at Gothenburg. For navigation a canal of about 20 miles in length was needed, and it has taken seven years to build it.

The traffic will be large and valuable. Around the lake are forests of firs highly prized for ships masts and the Svealand stores of iron and copper are almost inexhaustible. The direct water route to the North Sea for the lumber and minerals of the big lake district will be a profitable improvement.

CONTINUING GOOD WORK

American Teachers in Turkey Go Quietly Ahead.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

The visit to this country of Dr. Mary Mills Patrick, head of Constantinople College, founded for the instruction of girls and young women ,brings home to Americans the quiet fortitude that in a distressful time has continued a great work on the Bosphorus by American women for alien students of many lands.

It parallels the education enterprise for men in the name of Robert College, close at hand. The dean of the faculty of Constantinople College, Louis B. Wallace, is a doctor of philosophy of the University of Pennsylvania.

The enrollment of students last year was 290, and last month the registration had mounted to 400. Since coal is lacking for the powerhouse, kerosene oil is not to be had and candles are few, the students must do all their study in the morning and spent dark evenings. The cost of food is from four to eight times what it was before the war.

Only a few rooms at a time can be heated, and classes are migratory. Yet the college has gone right on, and has grown amazingly, and its report sound the note of triumph, not of complaint. Let the significant fact be noted that last year the Turkish government supported 14 students who were to teach in Turkish schols after graduating.

COMMENTS OF THE MEN.

Some of the Remarks of Rank and File Overheard by Secretaries.

(Y. M. C. A. Border Work.)

"This is going to be home for me."

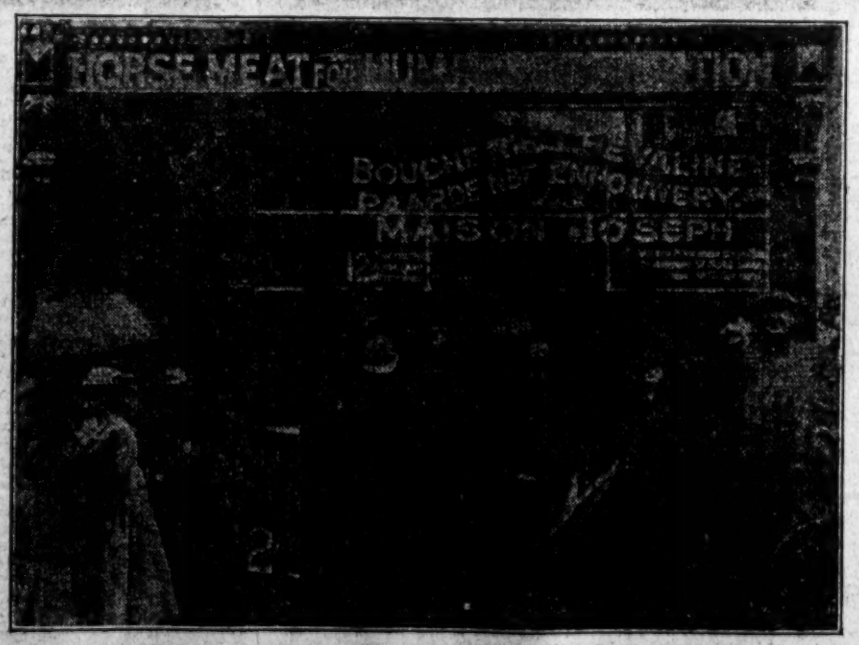
"No more uptown for me now; this is ever so much better."

"The Y. M. C. A. surely introduces itself, and one knows just what to expect in the buildings. A good many years ago I belonged to the Los Angeles Association, and since then, while in the navy for eight years, observed and enjoyed the work done by the navy branches. And here it is down on the border helping to make the men more comfortable."

One of the enlisted men who worked on a building during its erection, came in after the building had been opened and said: "I am almost ashamed that I took any money from you for my services, because you are giving the fellows so much."

"I have heard lots of crabbing since I have been down here, but never heard anyone crab about the Y. M. C. A."

A Massachusetts sergeant of cavalry at Camp Cotton said: "I wonder if you secretaries really appreciate what a wonderful contribution the Association is making to our camp life? You are bringing home to us; you are making abnormal conditions normal."



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EXPECTS SOME GRAVE PROBLEMS AFTER WAR

Frank A. Vanderlip Addresses Chicago Bankers.

Warns His Auditors Against Economic and Social Problems That Will Tax Nation's Ingenuity and Resourcefulness.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, of New York, addressed the Chicago Bankers' Club tonight, warned his auditors that the United States will have to meet economic and social problems as a result of the European war that will tax the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the nation, and called upon bankers to study and prepare to aid in the solution of these problems.

"Unless I utterly misjudge affairs," he said, "there are going to develop for this country problems of the gravest import—problems that will need for their correct solution the attention of the most enlightened minds.

"State socialism in Europe may develop problems, the like of which never concerned our minds. We may have to meet collective buying, state-aided industries, forms of governmental cooperation with business quite outside our range of thought. Government control of ocean-borne commerce and novel factors in international finance will be subjects for national consideration. There may come out of the war changes in forms of government that will have profound and world-wide influence."

Mr. Vanderlip discussed national legislation with praise for the Federal Reserve Act, and the Federal Trade Commission, but added:

"Within a week I heard the representative of four great railway unions state his views before a New York club. To my mind they were views that contained the essence of anarchy. We were told that we must not pass certain laws, because they would not be obeyed. We were given clear intimations regarding the power of these organizations, but there was not one hint of their duty or responsibility for society."

Mr. Vanderlip declared he believed the Federal Reserve Board had ruled unwisely in advising against investment by member banks in short term obligations of the belligerent governments.

GOVERNMENT "FLINCHED AND FALTERED" ON PREPAREDNESS

Garrison Says Call Upon States for Aid Was a "Lamentable Failure."

New York, Dec. 16.—To question the power and imperative necessity of the national government to make preparation for defense "is little short of treason," it was declared here today for former Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison in an address on "Nationalism" before the Lawyers' Club. After reviewing the passing of many powers and duties from state governments to the national government, he said, in the matter of preparedness the central government "flinched and faltered and sought to pass its neglected duty to the states," the result being a "lamentable failure."

SNOW AND SLEET RENDER FURTHER FIGHTING DIFFICULT

Pepper Hill, Verdun Front, Saturday, Dec. 16, via Chantilly (From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press) —Snow and sleet fell throughout last evening, rendering difficult further operations. The French staff's examination of the German positions captured demonstrates their formidable nature and their high state of preparedness against assault.

Thirty German deserters, who came in before the battle began, testify that the crown prince's army had knowledge that an attack was about to be made and were confident that they could hold the ground, which during their nine months or occupation they had strongly organized. They assert that more Germans were desirous of deserting but that the strictest precautions which had been taken and the nature of the ground prevented them from doing so.

PEACE PROPOSALS BLUFF SAYS LORD NORTHCLIFFE

The most powerful newspaper owner of Great Britain, the man who is said to have made an overthrow of cabinets and ministries, is reported to have said that Germany's peace proposals were due to the fact that internal dissensions of a serious nature have arisen lately because of the lack of food supplies. He also said that the German government had learned that the British empire would put forth its supreme effort this year and that in the matter of guns and shells the Allies would be able to expend three times as much as Germany had been able at any time during the war.

(Copyright Central News Service).

DEPUTIES RENEW ATTACKS ON FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

More Politics in Air Than at Any Other Time Since War Began.

Paris, Dec. 16.—The opposition to the government in the chamber of deputies, notwithstanding the majority for Premier Briand on the recent vote of confidence, renewed their attacks today on the occasion of the discussion of the government's demand for authorization to regulate by decree urgent questions affecting national defense, among them the prohibition of the sale af alcoholic beverages.

There has not been so much politics in the air since the war began. Interpellations by Senators Clemenceau and Henri Berenger on Tuesday are awaited with much interest in the expectation that the issue of the conflict in the senate will finally clear the situation.

EIGHT SUBMARINES LAY IN WAI TFOR ITALIAN STEAMER

By Taking Zigzag Course and Other Precautions They Were Eluded.

New York, Dec. 16.—Eight enemy submarines, all of which were successfully eluded through warnings received from patrol boats of the Entente powers, imperilled the voyage of the Italian steamship Giuseppe Verdi, which arrived here today from Genoa, Italy.

Two of the submarines, Captain Luigi Sannoni related, were lying outside the port of Genoa; three were reported off Naples; one was off St. Michaels, the Azores, and the other two along the usual Mediterranean sea route between Naples and Gibraltar. The vessel left all ports of call at night. Ran with lights out and followed a zigzag course with varying speed.

SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION TO LEAVE THIS WEEK FOR AFRICA

Said to be Most Important Ever to Go From Here to French Congo

New York, Dec. 16.—What representatives of the Smithsonian Institution say will be the most important scientific expedition that ever left this country for the French Congo, will start with the departure of Prof. R. L. Garner, of ..ew York and F. Aschmeirer, of Washington, from this city, next week.

After making preparations for 18 months of travel in the Congo, they will be joined in March by Alfred M. Collins, of Philadelphia, and Prof. Chas. Wellington Furlong, of Boston. The object of the expedition is to obtain zoological specimens for the Smithsonian Institution and to make ethnological collections.

CALLS FOR REPORT ON THE SUBMARINE E-2 EXPLOSION

Daniels Asked to Lay Findings of Navy Boards Before Senate.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Secretary Daniels is called upon by a resolution adopted without objection by the Senate today to send to the Senate the report of naval boards which investigated the explosion aboard submarine E-2 at the New York Navy yard some months ago, and later went over the whole subject of submarine batteries.

WASN'T ASKED TO JOIN.

Runciman Says That is Why He is Not in New British Cabinet.

London, Dec. 16—Addressing his constituents at Batley tonight, Walter Runciman, former president of the board of trade, said:

"The reason I did not go in the new ministry was that the new premier did not ask me. Mr. Lloyd-George invited his unionist colleagues and the laborites of the former cabinet to join him in the new ministry, but only invited one former liberal minister. I bear no ill will over the matter and hope that the new government will be given a fair chance."

NO CONSPIRACY FOUND

Federal Investigator Unable to Obtain Evidence Against "Egg King."

Chicago, Dec. 16.—After three weeks' investigation of the operations of Jas. E. Wetz, self-styled egg king, who is said to have 72,000,000 dozen eggs in Chicago cold storage houses and to be one of four men who are said to control the egg market of the Middle West, Chief Clabaugh, of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, has reported that he has been unable to obtain evidence of conspiracy upon which to base a prosecution.

TWO BROTHERS SHOT.

Are Wounded, Although Not Seriously, by Street Car Conductor.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 16.— Richard and Ben Smith, brothers, prominent young business men, were shot here tonight by S. C. Smoot, a street car conductor, following a difficulty between Smoot and Richard Smith, on a street car previously. Ben Smith was shot in the wrist. A button on Richard Smith's coat deflected the bullet that struck him over the stomach. Neither is seriously hurt. Smoot claims the brothers were assaulting him when he shot.

SCHOONER IN DISTRESS.

Old Dominion Liner Passes the Edwin R. Kirk Five Miles at Sea.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 16. — Flying signals of distress, the 3-masted schooner Edwin R. Kirk, which left New York several days ago for Virginia, was passed today five miles southwest of Cape Charles lightship by the Old Dominion Line steamer Jefferson. The Jefferson went as close to the schooner as the weather permitted, and the master requested that word be sent to Norfolk for a vessel to pick him up. Apparently he was dragging anchor.

The coast guard cutter Yamacraw left late tonight for the schooner's side and will endeavor to bring her to safety.

HARD WORK SPELLS SUCCESS

Epigrammatic Governor Tells Why Rainbow Chasers Fail

(From the Milwaukee Sentinel)

Following rainbows in the form of get-rich-quick schemes is the short cut to failure, Governor Phillipp told the Commerce Club of Marquette University. He said that for every plunger who scores a brilliant success there are thousands of failures among men who bank on the trun of a single card in the business world. Conservative men are the great business leaders of the country, he asserted.

Here are a few of the Governor's "punches" on the road to success."

Find out what you want to do and do it well.

Don't be a plunger—don't chase rainbows—be conservative.

Don't borrow money unless you know how you are going to pay it back.

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SUITS CLEANED AND PRESSED, 75 cents; hats cleaned like new, 50 cents; suits pressed, 25 cents. The clothes we clean and press speak for themselves. Try us. American Practical Hatter; 123 Market st.; 'Phone 393-J. de17-1t*

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LOST—BRINDLE FEMALE BULL terrier between Northwest and Wilmington on evening of 14th. Will pay liberal reward for return. J. D. Gebott, Wilmington, N. C. de17-1t

LOST—STOLEN OR PICKED UP IN store by mistake, package containing 10,000 Liggett & Myers and other tobacco and cigarette coupons. Party is asked to please return them to store and recieve reward. Bellamy's Drug Store, Front and Market Sts. de17-1t

FOR DECORATING HOLLY IN CASE lots, well berried $1.25 per case. F. O. B. Southport, N. C. Also Christmas trees, Holly or cedar, well berried, $1.00 to $5.00, according to size. Apply to Holly exchange, Box 63, Southport, N. C. de17,31*

FIRST CLASS COLORED BARBER wanted at once. $12.50 guaranteed a week; 60 per cent all over $20.00. Artis Bros., Farmville, N. C. de17-7t*

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FOR RENT — HOUSE 315 WALNUT Possession given Jan. 1st. Apply J. st., 7 rooms; all modern conveniences. F. Rulfs, care Peterson and Rulfs. de17-1t

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BIRDS SILENT IN WINTER.

Their Little Throats Are Hushed With Cold.

(Memphis Commercial Appeal.)

Birds in winter do not sing. Their little throats are hushed with cold. They can only make a plaintive appeal in a subdued chirp.

Dr. R. B. Maury, who is heading the Audubon Society movement, has done much more to create an appreciative value of bird life than most of us realize.

There was an old German philosopher who declared that the man who did not love birds, flowers and children had no business being in this world.

It is a bit arbitrary, this statement, but we cannot help quietly agreeing with him. We should all love children and flowers, and in this instance we should co-operate with Dr. Maury. We must love our birds if there is a real throb of human nature in our hearts. Our song birds have gone. But we have feathered neighbors with us who will be hungry during the frozen weeks.

Did you ever pause for a moment to think that when the ground is frozen the bird has to go without food for days? It is so easy to feed them. It is so easy to crush the stale bread in your house and scatter it in the yard.

Conditions are not so severe here as they are in Northern states, but the tragedy of bird life comes with the spring, when the dead bodies of numerous little strangers lay cold, a result of starvation.

There is nothing so sweet as the cheerful song of the bird. There is nothing so restful as to sit in the shadow of the wood and hear the tender love song of Mis Bird to his nestling loved mate."

The great failure of the past has been that we have never been brought into touch with our feathered family.

Sitting, a week ago, in Confederate Park, two blue jays attracted attention. Through confidence of the protecting public, they came into the city. These bold, bad pirates of the bird kingdom were daring, but the very fact showed faith. They were the first of our real wild birds who had the courage to venture into the city. Pigeons soon drove the mawav, but the fact that they came proves the growing confidence of birds in their ultimate protection.

Dr. Maury must be congratulated on what he has thus far accomplished. The people should co-operate with the Audubon movement and make our future bird life beautiful.

London, Dec. 16.—The threatened railway strike in Ireland has been averted, according to a Central News dispatch from Dublin, and trains are running as usual.

THOSE SPARKING DAYS

She Eluded Kiss to Avoid "Mussing" Her Pretty Hair.

(Fort Worth Star-Telegram.)

Cold weather carries some married men back to their sparking days, and a real wicked one sometimes will sit before the fire and forget that he has a wife and children.

Once more he will make his arrangements to go to a dance at a ranch several miles in the country, and in his dream he is fortunate enough to get the back seat in the hack. Finally he is on his way, and beside him sits a pretty girl, who, we regret to say, is not his wife. She sits at one end of the seat, he sits in the middle and nobody sits on the other end. He leans his head a little to the left, which devilitry, fortunately, she does not notice.

He fears her hands are cold, and he takes one of them in his. He talks to her real low, but she is afraid those on the front seat will hear. Again he leans his head toward hers—this time a little farther than before—and she moves her head away from his. Being a man he can't understand that her hair is fixed for the dance and that she doesn't want it mussed up, even by her best fellow. Then he sees the light in the ranch house, and a few minutes later he hears the sweet notes of "Sally Good'n."

When the house is reached he helps her out of the hack in a manner which would lead one to believe that she is entirely helpless—using more care than he would in assisting wife from a vehicle if she had a child in one arm and a bundle in the other. As he goes up the trail from the gate he holds the girl as if some one were trying to pull her way from him, and just as he enters the door sh comes to himself.

There sits his wife by his side. She has been working buttonholes in one of daughter's dresses. When she asks him what he has been thinking about the old wretch says:

"I was just thinking if we don't cut down expenses I never in this world will get out of debt."

SITE ADMIRABLY SUITED FOR AVIATION PURPOSES.

Hampton, Va., Dec. 17.—The land purchased by the government for an aviation station is located within less than two miles of this city on Back river. It is within less than five miles of Chesapeake Bay and Fort Monroe and has three miles of water front. The land is almost as smooth as a billiard table and admirably fitted for aviation purposes, according to officials of the Atlantic coast aeronautical station.

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WANTED — SALESMAN — EXPERI- enced specialty man to sell general stores in North Carolina. Unexcelled new specialty plan. Commission contract. $35.00 weekly advance. The Continental Jewelry Co., 123-51 Continental Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio. de17-1t*

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WHILE THEY LAST, YOU CAN BUY Christmas Greeting Cards at your own price. Only a few more days until Christmas, and the splendid line we carry must be closed out. Come early. Wilmington Printing Co. (adv.-3t.)

CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS AF- ford the happiest means of exchanging good feeling and best wishes with your friends. Wilmington Printing Company have them at reasonable prices. de 16-3t

PERSONAL GREETING CARDS FOR Christmas and New Year's going cheap at Wilmington Printing Company, 116 North Second street. de 16-3t

SPECIAL PRICES FOR ONE WEEK only—Asparagus tips, 10c; whole asparagus, 14c; early June peas, 11c; Premier peas, 14c; Bridal corn, 12c; Premier corn, 14c; succotash, 14c; Lima beans, 14c; one Premier ketchup, 12c; tomatoes, 12c; crisco, 15c and 32c; Beechnut grape jelly, 15c; Premier dressing, large size, 25c; salted almonds, 25c; one package rice, 8c; figs, 20c per pound; Sultana raisins, 23c; shelled raisins, 55c; full cream cheese, 30c; large prunes, 15c; peaches, 10c. B. May's Delicatessen, Phone 322. de 16-7t

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WANTED TO RENT A TWO-HORSE farm on or near Taw Creek. Must be good land and good house, not less than five rooms. Address "S. P. L." Star office. de 16-7t

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FOR SALE—AT ONCE, ONE YOUNG Duroc-Jersey Sow, with two fine pigs, out of litter of seven. E. J. Fuller, Ashton, N. C. de17-1t*

ONE 6 ROOM MODERN COTTAGE FOR sale. Am leaving city and will sell cheap. Will take good automobile in part payment. Address "S. A. W.," care Star. de17-4t*

FOR SALE--FIFTY THOUSAND CAB- bage plants. T. C. Morris, East Wilmington. de17-1t*

FOR RENT—FOUR EXTRA NICE large rooms and bath 12 South 6th st. Price reasonable. If interested call J. C. Rourk, Phone, 110, on Monday. de17-1t*

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—GOOD two story house and lot, So. West corner 5th and Wright. All modern improvements. Also five room house, No. West corner 6th and Wright. See R. B. Moore, 3rd and Castle. de17-1t*

FOR SALE—GROCERY AND FRESH meat business. Best stand for the business in the city. Now doing from $400.00 to $500.00 a week. Good reason for selling. Address "G. & M.," care Star. de17-1t*

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DON'T PUT IT OFF—SHIP YOUR leaky radiators to W. B. Klander, 8 Se. 2nd St. I am the doctor. de10-tf

DRESSED CHICKENS AND TURKEYS. Extra quality dressed chickens with giblets; choice New River oysters, 35 cents quart; country butter, 35 cents; fancy celery, 10 cents. Batson's Meat Market. Phone 72. de 9-1t

WANTED — OLD FALSE TEETH. — Don't matter if broken. I pay $1.00 to $5.00 per set. Mail to L. Mazer, 2007 S. Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa. Will send cash by return mail. de1_21t*

NO BOYCOTT ON THESE PRICES— Guaranteed eggs, 35c dozen; cooking butter, 29c pound; seeded raisins, 10c package; citron, 24c pound; sanitary mince meat, 10c package; English walnuts, 20c pound; compound lard, 15c pound; best pig meat, 19c pound; tomatoes, 3-lb. can, 12c; London layer raisins, 12 1-2c; Crisco, 12-oz. cans, 15c, 2 for 25c. Full line native beef and pork; choice cut loin and round steak, 30c lb.; corned hams, 20c lb.; good roast, 15c lb. The store that does things that count for the people. R. L. Burton, corner Sixth and Nixon. Phone 495. Free delivery everywhere. de12-tf

AUTOS FOR HIRE—DAY OR NIGHT at the right price. Corner McRae and Campbell streets, Wilmington, N. C. Phone 1965-W. de12-7t

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MOST USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT — A course in Motte's School of Shorthand and Typewriting. Day and night lessons. Leon L. Motte, official court stenographer, chief instructor. 105 Church st. Phone 737-W. de10-tf

WANTED — THREE OR FOUR FUR- nished rooms, centrally located, suitable for light housekeeping. Or rooms with board in private family. Address "W.-60," care Star. de15-3t*

ATTENTION—WE CAN SAVE YOU money in shoe repairing. Best workmanship; best material; and all leading brands of rubber heels. Rapid Shoe Repair Co., two doors from Bijou. Phone 929. de 14-7t*

LIMA BEANS! LIMA BEANS! JUST received several hundred bags. Send us your orders. Bear Produce & Merchandise Company. Phone 452 and 453. Wilmington, N. C. de 14-1t

FOR $18.00 PER MONTH YOU CAN rent 103 South Eighth street, seven rooms, bath and electric lights. See Gordon Brothers, or 'Phone 745. no1-tf

WANTED IMMEDIATELY — FOUR good log pond men, and one block setter. E. P. Burton Lumber Co., Charleston, S. C. de14-7t

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"Everything for the Motorist."
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Grape Fruit—Grape Fruit all sizes, Oranges, Lemons, Malaga Grapes, Wine Saps, Yorks, Baldwin Apples, Cocoanuts, Brazils, English Walnuts, Almonds, Florida Pecans, Citron. Also Irish Potatoes, Onions and Genuine Rutabaga Turnips. Our candy line is complete. Ask for prices.

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Christmas Sale of Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Apparel

Winter Garments at Clearance Prices---Give Practical Presents

Tomorrow Will Begin the Big Christmas Sale of Ready-to-Wear Garments. Each Day We Will Feature Some Practical Line at Prices That Will Make Your Christmas Money Go Further Than You Expected.

If You Want to Give Something a Little Better, a Little More Useful Than the Usual Run, Allow Us to Suggest Winter Garments Which Bear the Bon Marche Label of Quality.

Inviting Your Inspection of the New Store--- Souvenirs

In place of our formal opening which would have interfered with our Christmas arrangements, we invite you and your friends to inspect the new store, which is now completed as far as the equipment is concerned with the exception of the passenger elevator.

Souvenirs will be distributed on the second floor in the Millinery Department. These are for ladies only.

Special Prices on Furs

Furs are called the "Gift de Luxe," because they are beautiful, practical and seasonable.

$10.00 Fur Pieces for . . . . **$ 7.95**
$20.00 Fur Sets for **$15.95**
$30.00 Fur sets for **$19.75**

Coats Attractively Priced

We are selecting one lot of coats from our line which has taken so well this season. There are some twenty odd coats in the assortment.

Values to $25.00; special for Christmas week, at **$19.75.**

Re-Pricing of Winter Coat Suits

During Christmas week many coat suits are sold for Christmas giving. In order to introduce into your homes the suits that bear our label, we are going to further reduce the prices of the remaining garments.

$25.00 Suits in all colors and sizes, correct models, conservative styles, priced at **$16.75**
$30.00 Tailored coat suits are to sell for **$18.75**
$35.00 Tailored coat suits are to sell for **$21.75**
$40.00 Tailored coat suits are to sell for **$27.75**
$50.00 Tailored coat suits are to sell for **$31.75**

Gift Suggestions For Men

In making up your memorandum of what to give "Him" kindly make note of the following articles that can be purchased at this store.

Men's ties, **25c to $1.00.**
Men's mufflers, **$1.25 to $3.00.**
Men's umbrellas, **$1.00 to $6.50.**
Men's slumber socks, **75c.**
Men's leather Pullman slippers, **$1.25.**
Men's military brushes in leather, **$2.00 and $2.75.**
Men's leather toilet sets, **$4.00 to $10.**
Men's collar bags, **$1.50 to $2.50.**
Men's leather bill folders, **50c.**
Men's bath robes, **$3.50 to $6.00.**
Men's handkerchiefs, **5c to 50c.**
Men's knit gloves, **39c to 69c.**
Men's collar boxes of leather, **$3.00.**
Automobile rugs, **$6.75.**

A Few of the Many Gifts For Women

We could fill a whole page of gift suggestions for women. We have selected a few good ones for your memorandum.

Ladies' neckwear, boxed, **25c to $1.75.**
Ladies' handkerchiefs, **5c to $1.25.**
Ladies' skating sets, **$1.50 to $3.75.**
Ladies' kid gloves, **$1.50 to $2.50.**
Ladies' silk hosiery, **89c to $2.50.**
Ladies' umbrellas, **$1.00 to $6.50.**
Ladies' leather hand bags, **$1 to $10.**
Ladies' slumber socks, **59c.**
Ladies' Italian silk underwear, **$1.50 to $5.00.**
Ladies' knit sweaters, **$2.50 to $17.50.**
Ladies' blouses, **$1.00 to $12.50.**
Ladies' cotton hose, four in a box, **$1.15.**
Ladies' lisle hose, two in a box, **$1.15.**
Ladies' crepe de chine handkerchiefs, **25c.**
Ribbon craft novelties, priced at **25c to $1.00.**
Ivoryware toilet articles, **25c to $3.75.**
Ivoryware toilet sets, **$2.50 to $19.25.**
Picture frames, **15c to $1.00.**

Suggestions of Gifts For Children

We have not neglected the children in our scheme of selling useful presents. Here are a few:

Dolls, **25c to $4.00.**
Kewpie dolls, four sizes, **15c, 25c, 50c, $1.00.**
Bean Bag dolls, **50c.**
Floating dolls for the bath, **50c.**
Week-end toilet sets, **25c.**
Knit sets for the dollie, **65c to $1.00.**
Children's knit slippers, **50c and 75c.**
Children's handkerchiefs, 3 in a box, **15c.**
Children's fur sets, **$1.50 to $5.00.**
Children's coats, **$2.50 to $10.00.**
Children's dresses, **59c to $6.50.**
Children's umbrellas, **75c to $1.00.**
Children's hose, **15c to 30c.**
Children's knit caps, **59c.**
Children's knit mittens, **25c.**
Boys' gauntlet gloves, **50c.**
Boys' neckties, **25c.**
Children's kid gloves, **$1.25 pair.**
Children's knit gloves, **25c and 50c.**

Bon Marche
(Incorporated).

JUDGE KERR MAKES FINE IMPRESSION IN ROBESON

Lumberton Now Has Real Modern Hotel Doing Business.

Turkeys for Wilmington—Five Men Bitten by Dog go to Raleigh for Treatment—Pension Warrants Ready—Marriage.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 16.—Superior Court, having completed the work of the two-weeks' term, adjourned Thursday evening and Judge Kerr left for his home at Warrenton yesterday morning. While all judges who visit Lumberton usually become popular with our people, we are of the opinion that none has become more unusually popular than Judge Kerr. When ne told the Star correspondent that the Judge Kerr that we knew nearly 40 years ago was his uncle, we know there was a real judge in town.

The first court in 1917 will be presided over by Judge Geo. W. Connor, and if he is anything like his father, evildoers had better enlist in the army, and get to Mexico or some other place a long ways off. No Judge ever did more in Robeson to break up violation of the law than did Judge H. G. Connor, 30 years ago.

The Robesonian has given notice that on February 1st the subscription rates will be increased from $1.50 to $2.00 per year. With the great increase in the cost of paper, we do not see how The Robesonian or any other newspaper can do otherwise. When The Robesonian was established in February, 1870, it was a 4-page weekly, the subscription begin, as we remember, $3.00. It gradually came down until it reached one-half of the original price, $1.50. In the meantime, the paper was increased from four to eight pages. The subscribers certainly cannot raise any kick on the increase.

Now Has a Real Hotel.

Lumberton now has a hotel of which any town might be proud. It is a 4-story brick structure, steam heated and electrically lighted. While there are a few details to be added, the hotel was opened Thursday to the public, the first meal served being a 6-o'clock dinner. The first man to register was Mr. Lewis Helwig, Charlotte, N. C. Tell it to the world that Lumberton now has an up-to-date hotel; and Manager Crabtree says that nothing will be left undone for the comfort of the traveling public. Dinner will be served every Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, for the benefit of the Lumberton people who can go there and get a good warm supper, instead of going to the trouble of preparing it at home. Tomorrow at 6 P. M. a turkey dinner will be served. The hotel will be run on the European plan. The Thompson Hotel will be continued by Miss Anna Thompson, who has had several years experience in the business, and has many friends.

We saw going by express to Wilmington yesterday two coops of turkeys, the gross weight being 505 pounds. The weight of the turkeys was about 350 pounds. The farmer shipping them said he was to receive 22 cents per pound delivered to the express company here. The average per fowl was not less than $3 each, with express charges added. Of course, we do not know what the Wilmington people will do, but in Lumberton a lot of people would not eat turkey at that price.

The man who doesn't make mistakes would be too good to live in this world. The manager of the Pastime theatre made a terrible mistake, to harm no one, we hope, when depending on the written recomendation of others, he let a dozen people attempt to pull off a 2-night show. Truth is, the 12 people are to be pitied. They are clever and nice off the stage, but when they attempt to act, a few boys and girls in Lumberton Graded School have them cleaned up. A few, very few acts, were good, but upon a whole, it was no show. This is the opinion of the writer, and a majority of those who saw the show. It is surprising how some managers, clamoring for good shows, will write a great long endorsement of such attractions. If anything of the kind is seen from the Lumberton manager, it will be forged, for although he was asked for such a document, he could not find his stenographer, and on account of bad eyes, can't see the ruling on paper. We apologize to our friends and patrons for this blunder.

A lady who said that she is 71 years old, giving her name as Mrs. Blank, residence, "a few miles out of Laurinburg," was in town yesterday soliciting funds for a "sick boy" residing near her, but not related to her, declined to be very non-communicative when the Star man asked her if she did not think it an insult to the good people of Laurinburg and Scotland county at large, when she went to making trips to another county begging for a sick boy, who she wanted understood was not related to her. Mrs. Blank is a mighty good woman or a mighty big—well, whatever suits the case.

Miss Pearl White, one of the most popular and brightest shining stars of the moving picture world, will be presented at the Pastime theatre on Christmas day, in "Pearl of the Army," a new military serial released by Pathe. "The Girl from Frisco" is now running at the Pastime on Mondays, and when "Pearl" comes on that will be some Monday show.

Judge Kerr Pleases.

At a meeting of the Robeson County Bar held Thursday the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"That, Whereas, his Honor, J. H. Kerr, of Warrenton, N. C., who was recently elected Judge of the Third Judicial District, and came by regular assignment to hold the December Term of Robeson Superior Court and was sworn in before C. B. Skipper, our Clerk, on December 4, 1916, and has held a two weeks' term of Robeson Superior Court for the trial of civil causes, and has heard and determined a great many matters, and it is the desire of the Robeson County Bar to express its feelings and opinion as to his conduct of this, his first term of Court:

"Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the bar of Robeson county in meeting assembled:

"1. That we desire to express our unanimous opinion that his Honor, J. H. Kerr, has begun his career as Judge quite auspiciously, and that at this, his first term of Court, he has shown a fine judicial temperament, much patience in the hearing of causes, and has evinced a controlling desire to give every litigant a fair trial and a just determination of his rights.

"2. That he has the happy faculty of dealing with folks pleasantly and of conducting heated contests with such poise and judgment as to insure fairness to all parties, and to safeguard the right of trial by jury without the expression of any opinion on the facts to the jury, either directly or indirectly.

"3. That this Bar considers itself fortunate in having Judge Kerr's first term of court conducted in its midst and takes this occasion to commend him for his judicial temperament and ability and learning in the law and the manner in which this term of court has been conducted.

"4. That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the court and copies thereof furnished to the Honorable Jno. H. Kerr and the press."

Messrs. R. H. Nye, Eugene Ashley, Roy Johnson and two men connected with a carnival at Fairmont left here this morning for Raleigh for treatment for a dog bite. Last Saturday the dog was being given some candy by Ashley, when the animal snapped at him, causing a scratch on the hand. Sunday the dog bit his owner, Mr. Nye, and on Monday the other parties were bitten. The dog was killed and dissected, when it was found that he had taken an overdose of fine glass, or something similar. Those bitten do not anticipate any trouble(but are taking no chances. The dog is well remembered in Lumberton, where Mr. Nye formerly lived.

"Maid to Order," the musical comedy advertised for Monday night, was forced to close at Greensboro Tuesday on account of the severe illness of the leading lady. This information was received by the manager of the opera house yesterday and no other attraction will be offered until the 28th when Price and Bornelli's New York Minstrels are billed to appear.

Those who think that all the heathen have departed from this section are mistaken. A few days ago some numskull" had occasion to drive into Meadow brook cemetery, either to bury someone or to remove the remains of someone who had been buried there. Neither of the undertakers knows anything about it, but whoever it was evidently didn't know what the drive ways were for, and drove directly across a private family square, taking pains, it was evident, to drive across one grave. People of that calibre should not enter the sacred city of the dead under any pretext, and when they die should be put away down on the hill of a branch, where the briars would soon cover their graves, so that their existence might be blotted out from the memory of everyone.

Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper yesterday received pension warrants for the pension list in this county, amounting to $7,672. There are 224 on the list and the money comes in a mighty good time to many of them. Clerk Skipper is now ready to deliver these pension warrants as they are called for.

An up-town office of the express company was opened in the Thompson Hotel building yesterday, Mrs. Claire Thomas in charge. This office will be kept open from early morning till late in the evening for the accommodation of shippers, who will not be required to carry packages, to the office near the railroad station. Packages (except liquor) will be received and delivered from the up-town office, and money orders will also be sold, except those for whiskey. In other words, this express office will be a dry place. This office is open for the holiday accommodation, as the express company wants to do everything possible in its power to accommodate its customers.

McNeill-Ratley Marriage

Miss Quessie Ratley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Ratley, of Fairmont, and Mr. Hector McNeill, of Rockingham, Ga., were married here at 5 o'clock, Thursday evening at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, only a few relations being present. Immediately after the marriage, the newly-wed couple left in an automobile for Pembroke, where they boarded the A. C. L. train for their future home in Georgia.

The coming of the Rev. G. H. Biggs as pastor of the East Lumberton Methodist church, succeeding Rev. Mr. Seabolt, who has served four years, will be the cause of much genuine pleasure to a few people here. Mr. Biggs was at one time Seaboard operator at Wadesboro, at which time he and the Star correspondent, who was then running between Wilmington and Rutherfordton, became good friends. Later Mr. Biggs and Mr. M. Beverly, present Lumberton Seaboard agent, worked together for several years, Mr. Biggs is an uncle of Mr. W. W. Davis, of the V. & C. S. Mr. Biggs is a truly good man.

This morning the mercury was down in the twenties, 6 or 8 below freezing. In the waiting room at the Union station were two ladies, two small children, five dog-bitten men and others. At 12 minutes after 7 o'clock, three minutes before the train from Wilmington was due, the porter came in and actually started a fire in the big stove.

A special meeting of the Presbyterian congregation will be held tomorrow immediately after the morning service, when the committee on the new church proposition will report. Every member of the church is urged to be present.

As Christmas draws near it is plain to be seen that the Lumberton merchants are well prepared to supply every want, for everywhere may be seen large displays of beautiful goods appropriate to the occasion. Beautifully decorated show windows are to be seen everywhere. It is hoped that the curtains will be left up tomorrow. We cannot tell what next week will do, but up to the present time the supply of wet goods coming in is the smallest we ever saw so near Christmas.

All passenger trains are now running on good time and it is said that this will be kept up as connections will not be waited on.

Four Birthday Parties.

Four Lumberton children celebrated their birthday anniversary last Monday, each of the four being given a party by Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son. Each was allowed to invite a number of their friends and take them to the picture show of their choice and each party was served with refreshments by the drug store of their choice.

Horace, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Barnes, was nine years old Monday. His invited guests were Franklin Biggs, Henry Allen, Woodward Townsend and Vernon Baker. Horace took his friends to the Pastime theatre and the Pope drug store served refreshments to the party.

Georgia Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Prevatt, was also nine years old Monday. Her invited guests were Sue Harris, Ellen Prevatt, Ruth Baggett, Edith Barker and Margaret Biggs. She took her guests to the Pastime theatre and refreshments were served by the Pope drug store.

Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Floyd, was seven years old Monday. Those invited to his party were Robert Weinstein, Duval Lennon, Frank Floyd, Knox Thompson, Rudolph Bullard. Robert took his guests to the Pastime theatre and they were served refreshments by the McMillan pharmacy.

Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Free, was 13 years old Monday. Those invited to her party were Mary Biggs, Anna Lawrence, Rosa Caldwell, Theodore Pope and Ennis Sentelle. This party was entertained at the Pastime theatre and Pope drug store served refreshments. W. S. W.

WILL MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT TO HAVE MR. BRYAN SPEAK

Has Broken Two Engagements at Hamlet by Missing Connection

(Special Star Correspondence).

Hamlet, N. C., Dec. 16.—William Jennings Bryan had an engagement to speak in Hamlet on Wednesday night, but missed connections at Monroe and Hamlet lost for a second time the opportunity to hear this distinguished speaker. Some time last fall, Mr. Fuller, secretary of the Hamlet Y. M. C. A., arranged a date for Mr. Bryan. He was to stop in Hamlet on his way from Florida and missed connection. On Wednesday he intended stopping at Hamlet on his way from Birmingham and again missed connection at Monroe. Secretary Fuller says that he is going to make another appointment with him as soon as possible and possibly after the third attempt Mr. Bryan can make connection and get to Hamlet.

On Tuesday afternoon Sarah, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sauls, of Hamlet, died. She had been sick only one day and her death was a shock to her parents and friends. She was a very bright child and the only child of her parents.

On Wednesday afternoon the Hamlet fire department was given an opportunity to try out the new fire truck recently purchased. Chief C. M. Folsom received a message from Rockingham that help was needed, and in 11 minutes after leaving the fire house in Hamlet the six miles between the two towns had been made.

TRINITY COLLEGE NEWS.

Basketball Squad is on a Trip—Wayne County Club Officers.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Trinity College, N. C., Dec. 15.—Manager J. R. Smith and Coach Doak, of the basketball team, left here this morning with the following squad: Ferrel, of Winston-Salem, Roth, of Brooklyn, forwards; Martin, of Winston-Salem, Frank Patton, of Morganton, and LaGrande, of Hamlet, guards, and Groome, of Groometown, and Mayes, of Stem, centers. The first game of the schedule will be played in Statesville this evening. Saturday evening and Monday evening two games will be played with the Y. M. C. A. team of Charlotte; two games will be played with the Asheville Y. M. C. A. team on the 19th and 20th, and the final game of the trip will be with High Point on the night of the 21st. Here the team will disband for the Christmas recess which begins Thursday, December 22nd. Both Manager Smith and Coach Doak felt hopeful of a successful trip.

The students from Wayne county have organized and elected the following officers: A. E. Andrews, of Mount Olive, president; W. R. Minshew, of Eureka, vice president, and Miss Edna L. Taylor, of Goldsboro, secretary and treasurer. The organization contains 18 or 20 members.

The Glee Club left yesterday for its pre-Christmas engagements in the eastern part of the State. The club has been having regular and careful practice, under the direction of Mr. W. C. Utermoehlen, of Durham, for several weeks, and it has been predicted that the organization will make a creditable showing.

At a regular meeting of the Fortnightly Club of Sigma Upsilon last night, R. H. Bennett, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., read a short sketch of the life and work of Booth Tarkington, and John H. Small, Jr., of Washington, read an original semi-humorous essay entitled "An Apology for Politicians." Following the programme refreshments were served.

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers, all colors. Wilmington Shoe Co.
(advertisement.)

Do You Suffer From Diabetes?

Diabetes is invariably the result of impaired nutrition—this results in an excess of sugar in the blood and failure of the food to nourish, hence a gradual wasting away while eating well.

Symptoms of the disease are, increased thirst, excess of urine, emaciation and dry skin, often with sweetish odor.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

First Baptist church, corner Fifth and Market streets, Rev. John Jeter Hurt, D. D., pastor. Preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 o'clock. Morning sermon will be to the Railroad Brotherhoods, and seats will be reserved for them. Evening sermon: "Can Youthful Dreams of Married Life Come True?" This is the third in the series of sermons on "The Building of the Home." A cordial welcome awaits all who come.

Wesley Memorial Methodist church, Winter Park, Rev. J. Herbert Miller, pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11. Sunday school at 10. A cordial welcome to all to attend these services.

Christian church, Dock street, Rev. J. E. Reynolds, pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30 by the pastor. Sunday school in the morning at 10. Christian Endeavor at 6:45. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8.

Fifth avenue Methodist church, Rev. J. H. McCracken, pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sermons at both hours by the new pastor. Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Epworth League Tuesday evening at 8. Prayer service Wednesday evening at 8. The members of the church are earnestly requested to be present on Sunday to meet and hear the new pastor. The public and strangers are cordially invited to attend all services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, 16th and Market streets, Rev. E. DeF. Heald, Jr., rector—Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Evening prayer and sermon at 8. All seats free, A cordial welcome.

St. Matthew's English Evangelical Lutheran church, Fourth and Harnett streets, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor.—Services in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Morning subject: "Art Thou He That Should Come, Or Look We For Another?" Evening subject: "The Better Way". Sunday school at 10. Luther League Wednesday evening at 8. Subject: "Miracles of the Old Testament: Under the Judges; During the Captivity." Regular monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon.

Christian Science Society, church edifice Seventeenth and Market streets—Services Sunday morning at 11. Subject: "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved By Atomic Force?" Sunday school at 12:15. Wednesday evening service at 8:15. Reading room in the Murchison National Bank building where all Christian Science literature may be read, open daily except Sundays and holidays, from 4 to 6:30 in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend all services and to visit the reading room.

St. James' church, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector, and Rev. Geo. F. Hill, assistant.—Holy communion in the morning at 7:30. Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Evening prayer at 5. People's service and sermon on "The and Cure of Poverty" All seats free. A cordial welcome to all. Come and bring a friend!

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifth and Ann streets.—First mass in the morning at 7. Last mass at 10:30. Vespers in the evening at 8.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor.—Morning service at 11. Topic of sermon: "The Return of Christ." Evening service begins at 8. Topic of sermon: "John the Baptist and Luther: A Study of Repentance." Sunday school at 3:30. Visitors are cordially invited to any and all of these services. The Junior Missionary Society will meet Monday at 3:30.

Southside Baptist church, corner of Fifth avenue and Wooster street, Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor—Sunday school at 9:45 in the morning. Preaching at 11 and in the evening at 7:30 by the pastor. Morning subject: "The New Living Way." Evening, "Christ, a Divine Teacher." Sunbeams in the afternoon at 2. B. Y. P. U. at 4. Young People's prayer meeting at 6:30. Public cordially invited to all services of the church.

Calvary Baptist church, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor—Sunday worship in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 7:30. Sermon subjects, morning, "Why America First?" Night, "An Incurable Disease and An Infallible Remedy." Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Junior B. Y. P. U. at 6:45 in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday night. Teachers' meeting and senior B. Y. P. U. Thursday night. Chorus rehearsal Friday night. A cordial welcome to all services.

Grace Methodist church, corner of Fourth and Grace streets, Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. The pastor will be pleased to have a full congregation on this his first Sunday after his return from the annual Conference.

Immanuel Presbyterian church, corner Front adn Queen streets, Rev. T. P. Allen, pastor—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Men's Brotherhood Bible class and the Ladies' Aid Society meets Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets, Rev. W. R. Noe, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11. Sunday school at 3:30 in the afternoon. Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30. Public invited.

Church of the Ascension, Third and Marstellar streets, Rev. W. R. Noe, rector—Sunday school in the morning at 9:30. Evening prayer and sermon by Rev. G. F. Hill at 7:30. There will be a song service immediately before the evening service. Public invited.

STUDENT LIVES ON 20 c A DAY

Macaroni, Rice and Vegetables Satisfy His Appetite

(Portland Oregonian)

Some young men at the University of Oregon are going through on an average monthly income of $12. Fred Coley a freshman, is setting a record of $6 a month. His menu consists principally of macaroni and rice with vegetables.

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Topic for Sunday, December 17, 1916.
BIG JOBS AWAITING US.
Ex. 3:1-14.

We confront this subject as Christian Endeavorers, and as members of the Christian church. Every task, large or small, relates itself to our Christian profession. It will not be expected that Christian people will view any service except in the light of the gospel.

The task nearest home for most of our societies, is to bring our organizations to that standard of accomplishment where the real functions of Christian Endeavor are realized. One never to be forgotten feature of Christian Endeavor is its progressiveness. It is always working with new people, and much of its efforts must be, each year, along fundamental lines. Successful committee work last year by no means indicates the same for this year. And your present, nearest task is to keep the committee work and training elements of the society up to standard. This will certainly mean emphasis on EFFICIENCY.

Another task is to meet the immediate evangelistic challenge put before us in the campaign in our own churches. No church can succeed permanently without conversions, and no part of the church should be more active in personal work than the young people. One-fourth as many won to Christ this year as are now members of the societies, this is our task. Let the pastors and evangelists feel assured now that the task is accepted.

The task of promoting successfully the highest ideals of personal life and social habits among young people is a very real job in many places. We are assured that it never pays to lower the high standard set and encouraged by Christian Endeavor. "A Christian life" is the only worth-while goal, but every department of the society can reach out towards it. Only prayer, and perservance and push will enable us to make headway on this job.

A complex home-foreign-missionary task will soon be before us. World statesmen all assure us that after the war there will be an unprecedented rush toward America from every nation of devastated Europe. But before that comes there is the present task of educating and converting the millions of foreigners now here, that they may be effective evangels when the influx comes. America never faced a graver responsibility towards the peoples of the world.

Then the huge task, "the supreme business of the church," is to make Jesus Christ known to all man. Our foreign missionary obligations have increased as education and training have advanced. The Life-Work Covenanters have quickened our connection with the world-field, but only to intensify our responsibility. The call of the world needing the gospel spells out our big job.

"Fill up the place you occupy, and you will be called higher." God wants each one of us to fill the biggest place of which we can become capable. He wants us to bear the greatest amount of fruit possible. He wants us to render maximum service. Just imagine the apple tree deciding and announcing that it will only bear a half bushel of apples next year. On the other hand, the apple tree seems to say each season "Considering the soil, and rain, and the sunshine, I'll bear every apple this season that I possibly can."

Another big job awaiting the Christian element of this nation is the destruction of the liquor traffic. Some writer has said that if this dreadful European war will result in the destruction of the liquor traffic in the nations engaged, the war will not have been in vain. When the "Titanic" went down destroying more than 1,300 lives at one time we thought the destruction was awful, but when we consider the daily destruction throughout all the year from the liquor traffic, we consider an astounding horror.

As a novelty in conducting this meeting, in addition to the other preparation, hand each person who comes into the room a slip of paper or a card with the reading:

I think the biggest job before the church of today is .....
.....
..... Name.

The leader can announce that at a given time, say fifteen minutes after the meeting has begun, these will be collected, and the discussion will begin. The leader, by wise use of the slips, can call for statements as to why these are the biggest jobs, etc., and with ready participation a most attractive meeting should result. It also gives opportunity to call for expression from some who do not ordinarily take part.

INformation—Lookout Committee

An admirable method for increasing the society membership is to divide the society into groups of five, each of which will strive to increase its number to ten.

One of the best ways of getting Endeavorers out of the verse-readers class is by handing them pointed questions on the topic, which they will answer in the meeting.

The Lookout Committee should not wait for three consecutive absences from the consecration meeting, but should speak to the delinquent after the very first unexcused absence. "A stitch in time saves nine."

Membership in the society will mean much more if new members are received with a simple service, consisting of concert repetition of the pledge, a few words of greeting from the president or pastor, and an earnest prayer.

The Lookout Committee should get as many as possible not merely to attend but also to take part in the mid-week church prayer meeting. It is a good plan to appoint each week five or six Endeavorers to take some part in this meeting.

A good motto for the Lookout Committee, "I am my brother's keeper."
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Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, of University of Virginia, Will be Speaker at Union Seminary.

The James Sprunt Lectures for the current year at the Union Theological Seminary, of Richmond, Va., will be given in March, 1917, says the Presbyterian Standard, by Charles Alphonso Smith, A. M., Ph.D., LL.D., Edgar Allan Poe professor of English in the University of Virginia. His subject will be "Keynote Studies in Keynote Books." He proposes to take five books from the Old Testament and five from the New and show what they mean to him as a whole.

"This is the first time a layman has ever been chosen to deliver these lectures," says The Standard, "but the choice is one that will commend itself at once to the whole church, for Dr. Smith is not only an eminent scholar, lecturer and author, but also an eminent Bible teacher ,a ruling elder in the church and an evangelical to the core. As most readers of this paper already know, Dr. Smith, like Dr. James Sprunt, the founder of this Lectureship, is a native of North Carolina. He is a son of the late Dr. J. Henry Smith, of Greensboro. He belongs to a gifted family. Three of his brothers have become distinguished ministers, one of whom, Dr. Egbert W. Smith, is our secretary of Foreign Missions. A fourth, Dr. Henry Louis Smith, is a distinguished educator, and now president of Washington and Lee University.

"Dr. Smith is a graduate of Davidson College and of Johns Hopkins University, and has also studied abroad. He has been professor of English successively in the Louisiana State University, the University or North Carolina, and the University of Virginia. In 1910-1911 he was Roosevelt professor of American History and Institutions in the University of Berlin. He has given courses of lectures also at the University of California, the University of Kansas, the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, Chautauqua, Monteagle, and elsewhere. He is rightly regarded as one of the most delightful and illuminating of living lecturers.

"He has been a prolific author, having now some ten volumes to his credit, most of them, of course, in English, but one or two in German. His three latest books are among the most fascinating and valuable of all his works, viz: 'What Can Literature Do For Me?' 'Short Stories, Old and New,' and O. Henry Biography,' just from the press. But we venture the prediction that the volume of his James Sprunt Lectures will be even more fascinating and valuable than these and will reach an even wider circle of readers. For there is an urgent popular demand for just such a discussion of the great outstanding books of the Bible as he proposes—the treatment of each as a literary unit and the clear exhibition of its central idea. He believes that every masterpiece of literature has a great central thought, a core of meaning, around which it is built. This central conception is the keynote, and in these lectures on the Biblical books he will endeavor as a reverent student of scripture and an expert in literary form to strike the keynote of each of these books.

"Dr. Smith's extraordinary culture, unerring taste, and sound faith fit him pre-eminently to render this service to the seminary and to the Church. The lectures will be delivered in March. The exact dates will be announced shortly."

TO HONOR OLD SERVANTS.

Seven Hundred Will Get Certificates of Merit.

(From Washington Star.)

The home economics department of the Federation of Women's Clubs was authorized to have printed the certificates which will be given to about 700 faithful servants for long-time service, at a meeting of the Federation held at the New Ebbitt House.

Miss Helen Marshall Rugg, speaking for Mrs. J. Edson Briggs, chairman of the home economics department, who was unable to attend the meeting, told the federation of the plans for the distribution of the certificates and prizes to the faithful servants of the city, in accordance with the contest conducted by the federation

By unanimous vote the home economics department was authorized to have the certificates struck off. The certificates will be headed with a cut of the Capitol, and the name of the federation encircling it, and will be provided with the seal of the federation, in two colors, with the colors of the federation attached. Red, white and blue are the federation colors, adopted at the first meeting of the year, held last month.

Mrs. Court F. Wood, president of the federation, told of the hundreds of interesting letters which she has received from servants of the city, from employers and from people from all parts of the country. She told how the servants enjoy seeing their names in print and how much it means to those who seldom get before the public to see their names in the papers.

"The employes have appreciated the campaign, too," Mrs. Wood said. "It is a work which I consider has been helpful in every way." Mrs. Wood stated that she had not given up her dream of a Christmas tree for the faithful servants, when every one would be able to receive her certificate in person.

—Only two defendants, Frank Caims and James Mason, the two small white boys accused of stealing fireworks from the Beery Department Store on Castle street Friday, appeared before Recorder Harriss at yesterday morning's session of the Rocerdoer's court. Their hearing was postponed until tomorrow. They were paroled in the case of Probation Officer Odis B. Hinnant until their hearing.

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Men's Mule or Bath Slippers, grey, **$1.75.**

Men's Black Felt Romeo, leather sole, **$2.00.**

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Cardinal Mercier's Protest In Full Text Is Made Public

New York, Dec. 16.—Cardinal Mercier's protest against the deportation of Belgians to Germany, only brief excerpts of which came in the cable dispatches, has been received here by The Associated Press in its full text, as follows:

"Malines, Nov. 7th, 1916.

"Every day the military authorities deport from Belgium into Germany thousands of inoffensive citizens to oblige them there to perform forced labor.

"As early as October 19th we sent to the Governor General a protest, a copy of which was handed to the representatives of the Holy See, of Spain, the United States and Holland, in Brussels, but the Governor General replied to it that nothing could be done.

"At the time of our protestation, the orders of the Occupying Power threatened only the unemployed; today every able-bodied man is carried off, pellmell assembled in freight cars, and carried off to unknown parts, like a herd of slaves. The enemy proceeds by regions. Vague rumors had come to our ears that arrests had been made in Tournau, Ghent and Aiost, but we were not aware of the conditions under which they had been made. Between October 24th and Novemeber 2nd, it occurred in the region of Mons, Quievrain, Saint Guislain, Jamappes, in bunches of to 1200 men a day. The next, and the following days, it occurred in the Arrondissement of Nivelles. Here is a speciment of the announcement concerning the proceedings:

"By order of the Kreischef every male person over 17 years old, shall present himself, Place Saint Paul, in Nivelles, on November 8th, 1916, at 8 o'clock (Belgian time) 9o'clock (Central Time) bringing with him his identification card and eventually his card from the Meldeamt.

"Only small handbaggage is permitted.

"Those not presenting themselves will be forcibly deported into Germany and will besides be liable to a heavy fine and to long imprisonment.

"Ecclesiastics, physicians, lawyers and teachers are exempt from this order.

"The mayors will be held responsible for the proper execution of this order which must be brought immediately to the knowledge of the inhabitants.'

"Between the announcement and the deportation there is an interval of only 24 hours.

"Under pretext of public works to be performed on Belgian soil, the Occupying Power had attempted to obtain from the communities the lists of working men out of work. Most of the communities proudly refused.

"Three decrees from the General Government prepared the way for the execution which is in force today.

"Under date of August 15th, 1915, a first decree imposes, under penalty of imprisonment and fine, forced work on the idle, but adds that the work is to be executed in Belgium, and that non-compliance will be adjudged by Belgian Tribunals.

"A second decree, dated May 2nd, 1916, reserves the right of the German authorities, to supply work to the idle and threatens a fine of three years' imprisonment and 20,000 marks imposable on anybody executing or ordering to be executed work not approved of by the General Government.

"Under the same decree, the right to judge infractions which had remained with the Belgian tribunals, passes from the Belgian to the German tribunals.

"A third decree, dated May 13th, 1916, authorizes the Governors, the military commanders and the chiefs of arrondissements to order that the unemployed be conducted by force to the places where they must work. This was already forcible working, although in Belgium.

"Now it is no longer a question of forcible working in Belgium, but in Germany, and for the benefit of the Germans.

"To give an appearance of plausibility to these violent measures, the occupying power insisted in the German press, both in Germany and Belgium, on these two pretexts: the unemployed constitute a danger to public order, and a burden on official benevolence.

"To this we replied in a letter addressed to the Governor General and to the head of the political department, on October 16th, as follows:

"'You are well aware that public order is in no wise threatened and that all influences, moral and evil, would support you spontaneously were it in danger.

"'The unemployed are not a burden on official benevolence, it is not from your funds that they receive assistance.'

"In his reply the Governor General no longer urges these two first considerations, but he alleges that 'doles to be a charge upon our finances, and that the unemployed from whatever source they may come at present, must finally it is the duty of a good administrator to light such charges;' he adds that 'prolonged unemployment would cause our workmen to lose their technical proficiency, and that in the time of peace to come they would be useless to industry.'

"True, there were other ways in which our finances might have been protected. We might have been spared those war levies which have now reached the sum of one billion francs, and are still mounting up at the rate of 40,000,000 a month; we might have been spared those requisitions in kind, which amount to several thousands of millions, and are exhausting us.

"There are other ways of providing for the maintenance of professional skill among our work people, such as leaving to Belgium its machinery and accessories, its raw materials and its manufactured goods, which have passed from Belgium to Germany. And it is neither to the quarries nor to the lime kilns to which the Germans themselves declare they will send our unemployed, that our specialists will go to complete professional education.

"The naked truth is that every deported workman is another soldier for the German army. He will take the place of a German workman, who will be made into a soldier. Thus the situation which we denounce to the civilized world may be reduced to these terms: Four hundred thousand workmen have been thrown out of work by no fault of their own, and largely on account of the regime of the occupation. Sons, husbands and fathers of families, they bear the unhappy lot without murmuring, respectful of public order; national solidarity provides their most pressing wants; by dint of unselfish thrift and self-denial they escape extreme destitution, and they await with dignity and in a mutual affection which our national sorrows have intensified, the end of our common ordeal.

"Groups of soldiers introduced themselves forcibly in the homes of these people, tearing the young people out of the arms of their parents, the husband from his wife, the father from his children, at the point of the bayonet they block the entrances to the homes preventing wives and mothers from rushing out to say a last farewell to them; they align the captives in groups of forty to fifty and push them forcibly into freight cars; the locomotive is under pressure, and as soon as a train load is ready, an officer gives the signal and they depart. Thus another thousand Belgians reduced to slavery, without previous trial, condemned to the penalty which comes next in cruelty to the death penalty; deportation. They don't know how long their exile is going to last, neither do they know where they are going. All they know is that their work will benefit the enemy. Several of them have been brought to sign—by coercion or by threats—an engagement which they dare to call 'voluntary.'

"While they certainly take the unemployed, they also take a large number—in the proportion of one quarter for the Arrondissement of Mons—of men who were never out of work and belonging to diversified professions—butchers, bakers, tailors, brewery workers, electricians, farmers; they even take the youngest men, college and university students, or young men from the high schools.

"This in spite of the fact that two high authorities of the German Empire had formally guaranteed the liberty of our compatriots.

"The day after the capitulation of Antwerp, the frightened populace asked itself what would become of the Belgians of military age or those which would arrive at that age before the end of the siege. Baron Von Huene, Military Governor of Antwerp, authorized me to reassure in his name the frightened parents. However, as rumors were running that in Antwerp, Liege, Namur and Charleroi, young men had been seized and forcibly carried off to Germany, I asked Governor von Huene to confirm to me in writing the verbal guarantees which he had given me. He replied that the rumors pertaining to deportations were without foundation, and he gave me without hesitancy the written declaration which was read on Sunday, October 15th, 1914, in all the parochial churches of the Arrondissement of Antwerp: 'Young men need not fear of being carried off to Germany, either for enrollment in the army, or for forcible employment.'

"Immediately after the arrival of Baron von der Goltz in the capacity of Governor-General at Brussels, I went to ask him to ratify the guarantees given by Governor von Huene to the Province of Antwerp, extending them to the whole country, without any time limit. The Governor-General retained my petition in order to consider it at his leisure. The following day he was good enough to come in person to Malines to express his approval, and in the presence of two aides-de-camp and of my private secretary, to confirm the promise that the liberty of Belgian citizens would be respected.

"In my letter of October 16th last to Baron von Bissing, after reminding him of the undertaking given by his predecessor, I concluded: 'Your excellency will understand how painful the burden of responsibility I should have incurred towards families would be if the confidence they placed in you through me and at my earnest entreaty should be so lamentably disappointed.'

"The Governor-General replied; 'The employment of the Belgian unemployed in Germany, which has only been initiated after two years of war, differs essentially from the captivity of men fit for military service. Moreover, the measure is not related to the conduct of the war properly speaking, but it is determined by social and economic causes.'

"As if the word of an honest man was terminable at the end of a year or two! As if the declaration confirmed in 1914 did not explicitly exclude both military operations and forced labor! As if, in fine, every Belgian workman who takes the place of a German workman, did not enable the latter to fill a gap in the German army!

"We, the shepherds of these sheep who are torn from us by brutal force, full of anguish, at the thought of the moral and religious isolation, in which they are about to languish, impotent witnesses of the grief and terror in the numerous homes shattered or threatened, appeal to all souls, believers or unbelievers, in allied countries, in neutral countries, and even in enemy countries, who have a respect for human dignity.

"When Cardinal Lavigerie embarked on his enslavery campaign Pope Leo XIII., as he blessed his mission, remark: 'Opinion is more than ever the queen of the world. It is on this you must work. You will only conquer by means of opinion.'

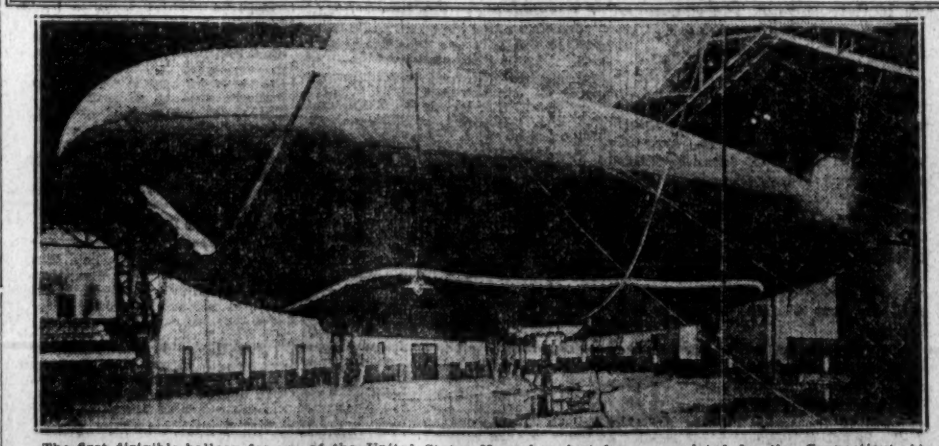
"May divine providence deign to inspire all who have any authority, all who are masters of speech and pen, to rally around our humble Belgian flag for the abolition of European slavery.

"May human conscience triumph over all sophism and remain steadfastly faithful to the great precept of St. Ambrose: Honour above everything! Nihil Praeferendum Honestati!

"In the name of the Belgian bishops: (Signed D. J. CARDINAL MERCIER.

"Archbishop of Malines."

UNCLE SAM'S FIRST NAVAL DIRIGIBLE IS READY.



The first dirigible balloon for use of the United States Navy has just been completed by the Connecticut Aircraft Company, of New Haven, Conn., and it is now on its way to Pensacola, Fla., for preliminary tests. The dirigible has been named the DN-1. It is 175 feet in length and 50 feet high over all and its beam is 35 feet. It has a total lift, less the space used by the ballconists, of approximately 7,000 pounds, based on the lift of its hydrogen gas at .068 pounds for each cubic foot. Its gas bag holds its shape by the pressure of contained gas. It has a capacity of 118,000 cubic feet of hydrogen gas and is equipped with two ballconets, one in front with 7,000 cubic feet. The photo shows the dirigible in the hangar of the Connecticut Aircraft Company's plant.
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FORTIFICATIONS OF BUCHAREST

Description of Environs of Rumanian Capital Before Fall

A war geography bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society, says:

"A low range of hills lies to the west and southwest of the capital, the two directions from which the main invading armies are approaching what was once known as 'the City of Joy', but which in the few brief weeks that have elapsed since Roumania entered the lists of war on the side of the Entente Allies has become a city of sorrow and foreboding. On all other sides stretch plain and marsh land, the latter having been drained with some success.

"Eighteen major forts and numerous batteries and redoubts, mounting Krup and Gruson guns, constitute the defences of Bucharest, and before the present war upset all previously existing theories as to the value of armorplate in protecting the inside of forts, this city was supposed to be one of the most strongly fortified in all Europe.

"With its immediate suburbs Bucharest covers an area of more than 30 square miles, and its iron ring of defence has a circumference of nearly 20 miles.

"It is interesting to recall that Bucharest owes its present system of forts and batteries to General Henri Alexis Brialmont, the noted Belgian general and military engineer whose name was so frequently mentioned in the early days of the war following the astounding collapse of the defences at Namur and Liege, both of the which towns were fortified according to the principles developed by him. It was owing to the opposition which Gen. Brialmont encountered in Belgium when he endeavored to enlist his government's support of elaborate plans for fortifying many cities that he left Antwerp and went to Bucharest in 1853. Here he drafted the scheme of defence for the Roumanian capital which in the main was followed during the eleven years (1855-66) required in the construction of the fortifications. Because of his participation in the strengthening of a foreign capital, without the consent of his own government, Gen. Brialmont was dropped from the military service of Belgium, but a year later he was brought back to Antwerp to continue his work of fortifying that city and inspecting the defences throughout the kingdom. He continued to take an interest in Rumanian's defenses, however, up to the time of his death in 1903.

"In contemplating the resistance of which Bucharest's ring of forts is capable it should be remembered that the same conditions do not obtain here as existed at Namur and Liege, for the rugged mountain passes through which the Austro-German armies are descending from the northwest would make extremely difficult, if not wholely, impossible, to transport to the vicinity of the Roumanian capital the gigantic 16-inch Krupp guns which wrought such amazingly quick destruction at Namur and Liege. Neither could such heavy guns be transported readily way of Bulgaria across the marshdered Danube and over the Wachian plains.

"For the purpose om comparison it may be recalled that Verdun has 16 major forts, where Bucharest has 18, and the perimeter of the fortified area of the former fortress is about 30 miles whereas Bucharest's is nearly 50. Verdun's defenses, however, have the very decided advantage of being disposed upon numerous heights surrounding the town and commanding the Meuse, which flows at the foot of the citadel Bucharest lies in a plain, on both banks of the River Dimbovita".

RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS AT A. & M. COLLEGE

To be Established at the Begining of the Next School Year.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—A Reserve Officers' Training Corps, under provision of the National Defense Act, will be established at the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts beginning with the next college year.

All students who are citizens of the United States 14 years old or over, and whose bodily condition indicates that they are physically fit to perform military duty are eligible for the Corps. Members of the National Guard are not eligible, but authority to obtain their discharge has been secured from the War Department.

Three hours weekly of theoretical and practical military training, prescribed by the War Department, are required during the first two years, and five hours weekly for the last two years. Members are also required to attend two camps of four weeks each during the four academic years.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF AMERICAN SAILOR'S SLEEVE MARKS

Chevrons, Rating Badges, Specialty and Distinguishing Marks Explained for the Benefit of People Ashore

(New York Sun).

The letters discussing the meaning of the stripes on the uniform of our sailors and their use of a neckerchief which have appeared on the editorial page of The Sun recall the fact that hardly one out of a hundred men can tell the meaning of the insignia which appear on the sleeves of naval men.

On every naval ship the crew is divided into many classes, each man having his own particular station and duties at all times, and in order that each one may be known or identified on sight he receives a rating badge or distinguishing mark to denote his rank or office.

The rating badge consists, first of all, of a spread eagle, commonly called by the bluejackets a "crow," which is placed above a specialty mark or chevron. The eagle is always of white silk when used on blue suits, and of blue silk when used on white suits.

The chevrons are made of stripes of scarlet cloth, sewn flat in the shape of an angle, with the points upward. When permanent petty officers hold three consecutive good conduct badges these chevrons are made of gold lace instead of scarlet cloth. Chief petty officers wear three stripes, with an arch of one stripe forming the arc of a circle between the ends of the upper stripe of the chevron, with the eagle resting on top of the arch, while the specialty mark is placed in the center of the field under the arch. Officers of the first class wear three stripes, those of the second class wear two stripes, while those of the third class only wear one stripe.

For blue clothing the specialty mark is embroidered in white silk, and for the white clothes blue is used, except hospital stewards and their apprentices, who wear red Geneva crosses as their marks, both for the blue and white clothing.

The rating badge is worn by all petty officers of the starboard watch on the right sleeve, while those of the port watch wear their badges on the left sleeve.

The man who has never been at sea and knows nothing about it is rated on the ship's book as a "landsman" or, in naval parlance, a "landlubber." After he has gained a good knowledge of the art of knotting, splicing, handling of boats and oars, gunnery and other duties, he is promoted to the next higher rating, that of ordinary seaman, and from this to the one entitling him to use the letters A. B. after his name, signifying that he is an able seaman. By this time, however, he has become so proficient in ship knowledge that he is eligible to receive a petty officer's rating and after years of service and devotion to the duties to which he is best suited he may receive a warrant commission, which will entitle him to mess with the junior officers in the wardroom and have additional liberties which the ordinary seaman does not have.

It is not generally known that every man-of-war carries a policeman on board, but the Master at Arms, or Jimmy Legs, as he is usually called, acts in that capacity. He is really the chief of police and has general charge of the order and cleanliness of the decks and lockers. The boatswains, who have charge of the deck watches, and the coxswains, who are in charge of the boats and launches, each wear crossed anchors as their specialty marks. The quartermaster, who steers the ship, wears a representation of his steering wheel. The blacksmiths and ship's fitters wear crossed hammers, while the carpenters, painters and plumbers each wear crossed axes. Turret captains have insignia showing a gun turret and gun; the gunner's mate has crossed cannon. Chief yeomen, who have risen from the lower grades, wear crossed keys, indicating positions of trust. The yeomen of the first, second and third classes all wear crossed quills.

Electricians have as the mark of their profession a globe. Machinists' mates, boiler makers, water tenders, coppersmiths and oilers all wear a three bladed propeller wheel on the sleeve. Bandmasters and musicians are distinguished by a harp, while the commissary steward, who has charge of the supplies, wears two linked keys with a quill laid underneath.

In the class of distinguishing marks, of which there are only a few in use, that for the seaman gunner always attracts attention. It is a bursting shell, worn below the rating badge if he is a petty officer; or, if not holding any rank, in place of the rating badge. Gun captains detailed by the commanding officer for the position, except at a secondary battery gun, wear on the other arm than that on which the watch mark or rating badge is worn a gun with its axis horizontal and muzzle pointing forward.

Our gun pointers, men who direct and adjust the aim of the great guns in action, wear, if of the second class, a circle with crossed lines and a small square in the center; while those of the first class use the same insignia, but with the addition of a star one inch above with one ray pointing up.

The apprentice boys who go into the service at an early age and study until they are graduated as seamen wear the figure eight knot. This is worn on the overshirt and on all coats except the heavy winter overcoat.

The watch mark, denoting to which watch a man is assigned, is a strip of braid placed on the shoulder seam of the overshirt and extends all around the arm. White braid is used for the blue shirts and blue braid for the white shirts. This is for all of the seaman branch; firemen and coal passers use red braid for both blue and white clothes.

Men who have several enlistments to their credit are entitled to wear a scarlet stripe for each enlistment. These stripes are worn on the left forearm and at an angle of 45 degrees, running from the cuff end of the shirt diagonally across the arm. Petty officers who have received good conduct badges wear these stripes made of gold lace instead of scarlet cloth.

The enlisted man also wears on the cuff of each sleeve a distinguishing mark, but unless you are a sailor you will be at a loss to know whether he is a first class seaman or a landsman. All petty officers, seamen and first class firemen wear three stripes of narrow white braid on the cuffs and also on the collars of their overshirts. Ordinary seamen and second class firemen wear two stripes; coal passers, landsmen and [illegible] have one row of braid on collars and cuffs. All men other than chief petty officers wear the stars on their collars, and all of them wear the black neckerchief.

Boatswains also have as part of their uniform a lanyard on which is a silver whistle of a peculiar shape, only used in the Navy. A boatswain of the old school who could trill one of these whistles in a heavy gale of wind was a jewel and was always looked upon with envy, for he was the only man on board who had the prerogative of whistling.

ECONOMY OF OPERATION

Efficiency Expert Runs Overland Touring Car 2,681 Miles on $45.75

Forty-five dollars and seventy-five cents was all it cost Mr. F. R. Comstock, technical counsel and efficiency engineer of Rock Hill, Conn., to run his Overland touring 2681 miles, from May 3, 1916, to November 5th, 1916.

Being an efficiency expert by profession Mr. Comstock ran his automobile as he operated his business. He kept careful track of all expenditures, with the result that he proved that Ben Franklin's "stitch in time" is applicable to motoring.

"A little attention to your car," advises Mr. Comstock, "will save heaps of trouble. Look it over often and with great care and you'll find your enjoyment of motoring increased tenfold."

Mr. Comstock had never run a car before he bought his Overland last May. He took five driving lessons. Shortly after that he made a 45-mile trip at an average of 20 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Up to November 1 he made ten more trips, varying in length from 14 to 640 miles—crossing four mountain ranges on the longest journey. On no trip did he average less than 17 1-2 miles per gallon of gasoline; on some the average was as high as 23.7 miles.

During the six months three nuts were lost and replaced. A three-volt lamp over the instrument board burnt out and was replaced. This at a cost of 34 cents.

Three gallons of rubricating oil—costing $1.20—were used.

One hundred and eighty-one gallons of gasoline costing $43.97 was the heaviest expenditure.

His total cost for gasoline, grease, oil and repairs was but .017 per mile.

Once a week he also inspects each part, tries the nuts and bolts with the result that he claims his motor to be the best-running automobile motor in the country. He inspects his batteries every two weeks.

"I don't believe that the performance of my car is unusual," is the way he concludes his letter to The Willys-Overland Company. "A friend of mine purchased an Overland last year and he has been getting 18 to 20 miles per gallon of gasoline and never has spent a cent for repairs in 7,000 miles."

CHRONIC DISEASES ALARMING

Move People Die From Heart and Kidney Diseases than Tuberculosis

(State Board of Health)

Doctors, health workers and statisticians are alarmed at the increasing death rate from chronic degenerative diseases in this country. Since 1890, the death rate from these diseases has increased 45 per cent. Over 400,000 Americans die annually from diseases of the heart, arteries, and kidneys which is over three times as many deaths as from tuberculosis, as great as is that toll—130,000 deaths a year.

The mortality statistics of North Carolina, it may be said, compare closely with those of the United States at large. Of the 21,324 deaths in North Carolina last year, 9,843 were from those obscure "breaking down" diseases of which the patient is not often aware until too late to remedy. But what is hopeful North Carolina is doing something to check this waste.

Besides the work of the State Board of Health in educating the people along all lines of disease prevention and healthful living, it is now working out plans whereby counties may have free for their people periodic physical examinations, which are now considered the most effective means of detecting and preventing these insidious diseases. The Board will put a doctor in the field who will not only make the examinations, but will teach the people in ways of right living and healthful habits.

Dr. A. J. Ellington, of Raleigh, has been employed by the Board of Health to do this kind of life extension work, and Alamance is the first county to make arrangements for the work.

THE CHRISTMAS RELIEF MESSAGE

Of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

Not in the interest of any one war relief organization, but in the interest of relief in all the war-stricken countries, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has issued its Christmas war relief message to 100,000 churches and Sunday schools, to governors and mayors, and to many others. This is the fifth of the Federal Council relief messages to the churches and to the general public. The message is addressed "to Christian Fathers and Mothers and to the Children of America in behalf of the Fathers and Mothers and Little Children of the Lands Across the Sea." Seventeen representative war relief committees ministering to those in need in the war-devastated countries on both sides of the conflict are named in the message.

The Christmas message lays stress upon the suffering from cold and hunger of millions of babies and children in Europe and western Asia, in the "Plain of Bethlehem," in Germany, where Luther wrote his Christmas hymn, and where was first sung "Holy Night, Peaceful Night." An appeal is made in behalf of children "who lead their blinded fathers in Italy and Russia, Britain, France, Austria and Germany," for the unsheltered infants in Serbia, for the Jewish children in Poland and other lands, for the million children in Belgium "whose cup of suffering is running over," for the "persecuted and starving children of Armenia and Syria."

It is urged that the message, with its appeal and specifications of need and its list of relief organizations, be read in all the churches December 10 or 17, and that Christmas offerings be made for the children on the other side in connection with every Christmas-tree exercise, as well as in the regular church services, that each child, family, church and Sunday-school give on the fifty-fifty plan, that what is given to family and friends be duplicated in gifts to those suffering from the ravages and wastes of war. The Christian churches and families of America are reminded that Christmas means even more than receiving.

Officials of relief organizations whose offices are in New York announce that the need for relief everywhere increases, and that in particular, millions of children are anaemic, starving, permanently arrested in their physical and mental development with terrible prospective evil results upon the next generation. Poland is already practically without little children.

DODGE BROTHERS CAR

Used as "Jitney" in Los Angeles Car Performs at Low Cost.

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Mr. Kritch has kept a careful record of his expenses in order to find out if he is really making money, and the information he has gathered is of interest to all motorists.

During the 20,000 miles he has averaged slightly more than 20 miles to the gallon of distillate, which he uses in place of gasoline, and he has used only one and one-half sets of tires. He got 17,000 miles out of his front tires, and 11,000 miles from the tires on the rear wheels.

The success of Mr. Kritch with distillate has led to many motorists of Los Angeles turning to this fuel as its cost is but nine cents per gallon.

PART PAYMENT OF DEBT.

Fine Comprehension of Work on the Border Shown by Contributor.

(Y. M. C. A. Border Work.)

A letter received from a contributor shows such a fine comprehension and appreciation of the spirit and purpose of the work on the border that, omitting the name, it is printed below:

Ellsworth, Wis., Oct. 23, 1916.

The Army and Navy Y. M. C. A., 124 East 28th street, New York City.

Gentlemen:—I cannot wait longer before sending my contribution for your work, for I am sure your resources must be taxed to the utmost to meet vastly increased demands occasioned by the sending of the State troops to the border. I am sending because I recognize your need, and because—perhaps I ought to be ashamed to admit it, but it is human to feel what touches our own more keenly—I have a personal interest in your work. My nephew is with the Wisconsin troops at Camp Wilson. He has given no account of the work there; that is, he has not attempted to tell what you were doing, but nearly every letter has some mention of the Y. M. C. A. Many are written from their building and he frequently tells of the activities going on about him, and in one letter remarks, "This sure is a good place to forget a hard day's work." He told of the Y. M. C. A. tent preceding them to Leon Springs, of the singing of old hymns on Sunday, the short helpful talks, etc. I wonder how much of the excellent record for discipline, which has been shown especially by the Wisconsin troops, is due to Y. M. C. A. work.

Anyway, I know the work pays, and I hope enough will take an interest, so you need not be cramped in your efforts. You need not thank me for this five dollars. It is not a gift, but merely a part payment of a debt. But I do thank you for what you have done, and are doing for "our boys."

SEALS HAVE BUSINESS VALUE

Insurance Companies Find That Money Invested in Them Brings Big Returns

(State Board of Health).

To enable their policy holders to live as long as possible was the sole reason for a large life insurance company buying last month 43,000 Red Cross Christmas Seals at one time. This firm made the statement that their action was dictated solely by business reasons, and that they could not for any reason claim any credit on the score of philanthropy. They believed it good business on the following grounds:

That presence of tuberculosis means a great financial loss to the community, and its greatest ravages are found among the poor.

That it is more logical to spend money to get rid of the disease than to reflect the cost of supporting its victims in an increased tax rate.

That the affliction of the bread winner of the family with the disease means lower efficiency and less earning capacity, which in turn means a lessened power to provide the proper nourishment and environment to successfully combat its growth, and that this in capacity often throws his family upon the public charge.

That no one makes a profit upon a dead man but the undertaker, and he makes it only once, whereas a live man is a constant source of profit to every one with whom he does business, and the more alive and the more prosperous he is and the more business he does, the greater are the profits of those with whom he deals.

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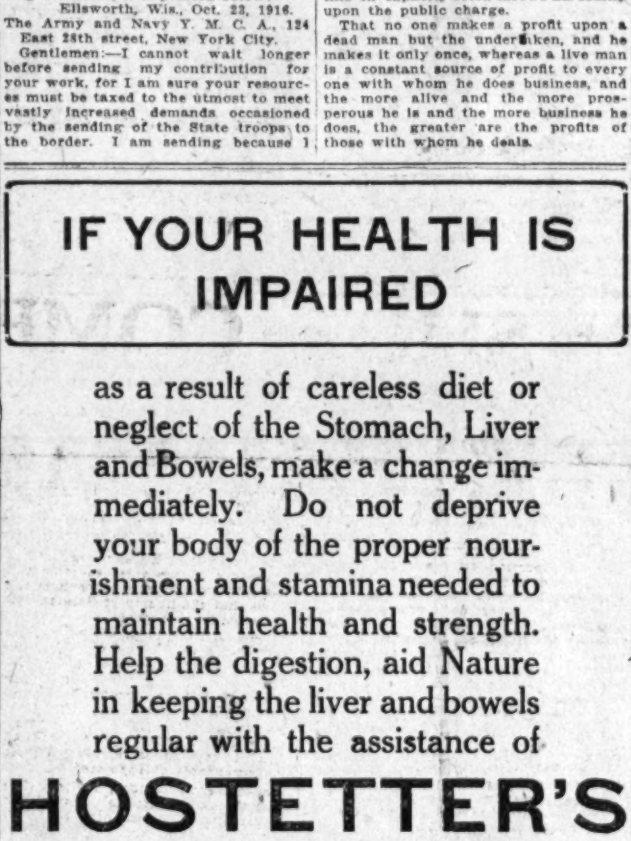
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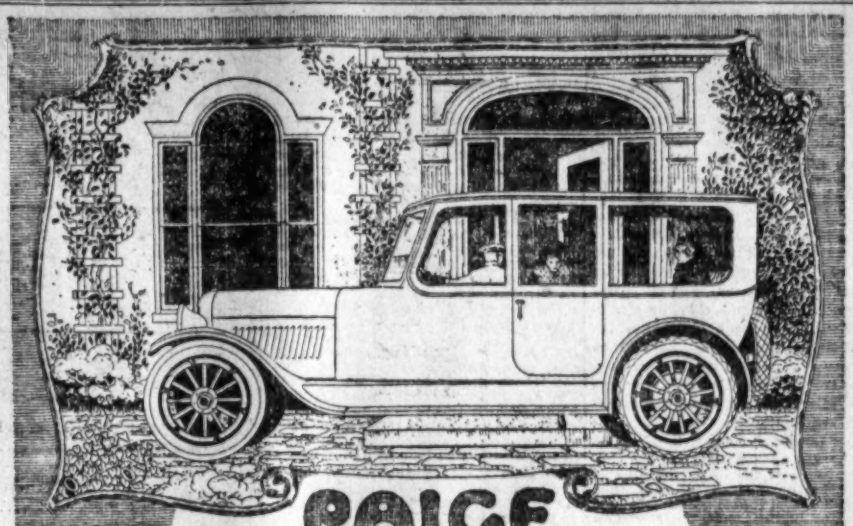

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THEATRICAL

The New Royal opens tomorrow afternoon, presenting the biggest line of high class musical comedy plays that have ever been seen in Wilmington. The Royal will indeed be a revelation to everyone, for it is absolutely a new theatre in everything but name. Dressing rooms, large stage (as large as at the Victoria), and all equipment for handling this class of attractions have been built in during the past three weeks, seats have been re-arranged to make them more convenient for this use, and it is now one of the very prettiest vaudeville theatres in the South.

Danny Lund's Famous Triangle Girls Company has been booked for the big opening week at the Royal, an all-star aggregation of musical comedy and vaudeville artists, presenting only the newest and highest class musical comedy plays, with the prettiest and best trained singing and dancing chorus ever seen in Wilmington. Special and elaborate scenery and stage equipment is carried with this show for every bill, and they feature that famous yodeler, Hy Jensen, as one of the biggest attractions ever presented with a popular priced musical comedy show. The Triangle Trio, dancing and singing artists de luxe, is another big feature of the show.

A new scale of prices has been arranged for the Royal, whereby the highest price at night will be 25 cents, for entire lower floor, and 15 cents for entire balcony, which has been re-arranged and elavated to make it more convenient. For matinees ten cents for balcony and 15 cents for entire first floor will be charged. The same hours as formerly at the Victoria, will be maintained at the Royal.

Blanche Sweet at the Grand.

Blanche Sweet, the brilliant Paramount star, will be seen in her latest Paramount Production "Unprotected," a thrilling drama of the Southern prison camps, written especially for her, which will be presented at the Grand Monday.

There is no other artist on the photodramatic screen who has the versatility and is able to run the gamut of characters as ably as does Miss Sweet. She has, in her excellent manner, depicted characters of all nationalities and in all walks of life. In "Unprotected" she portrays the most striking and unusual character of her entire career—that of a beautiful young artist, leased with other convict laborers and sentenced to work in a turpentine camp.

As an orphan girl she goes to live with her old uncle, and when he is found dead she is sentenced to ten years in prison nad hired out. How, as a young artist, she meets the son of the Governor—how he falls in love with her and altho she is convicted under a different name, finds her just as she is about to fall into the clutches of the owner of the camp, how the convict rebels against the treatment—and how they are finally saved from worse than death by her pleas for them to the Governor, makes a story absolutely unique in motion picture annals.

"Liberty"—Bijou Monday.

Tomorrow the Bijou will again entertain countless thousands as the fourteenth great chapter of that spectacular serial "Liberty" is screened for the first time. This great serial is picking up every week—it is actually getting better and stronger each week, and the attandence is increasing by leaps and bounds with each succeeding weekly episode. The fourteenth great chapter tomorrow is without doubt one of the most thrilling photoplays that have ever been screened in Wilmington and if you want good seats you had best come in the afternoon—then it will be crowded.

William V. Mong has turned out a little gem in the Laemmle two-reel drama of the South, entitled "The Last of the Morgans," also on Mondays bill, playing the title role himself. Mor has proven his versatility in direction, time and again, as well as his peculiar adaptability for a variety of character roles. His success lies in his ability to act, not at all in the God-given privilege of playing handsome juveniles; he is not cut out for this, and he knows it. But there is plenty of pathos, plenty of strong acting, and plenty of conviction in the roles which he assigns himself, and in the manner in which he plays these roles.

The Birth of a Nation.

D. W. Griffith's stupendous spectacle of peace and war "The Birth of a Nation," will play a return engagement at the Academy of Music, Christmas day and the day following. Matinee and evening performances will be given each day.

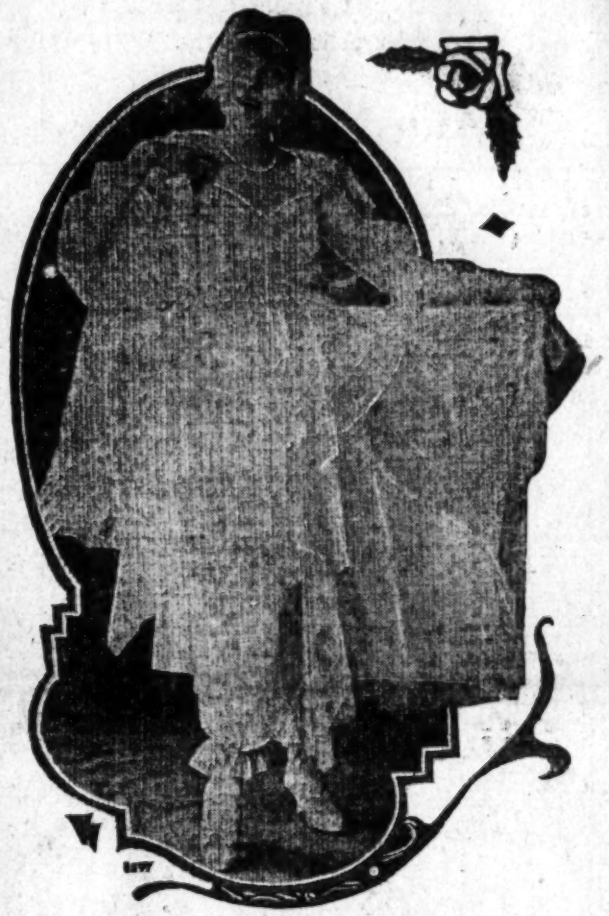
All over the country it has duplicated the marvelous records made in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Baltimore, Washington, San Francisco and Los Angles, Where return engagements have been played, the attendance was even larger where that was possible than the first times. Fifteen hundred performances have been given in New York City alone. Over ten million people have been thrilled by the wonders of the great Griffith spectacle.

Produced during the fiftieth anniversary of the closing events of Civil War the play offers an unusually vivid portrayal of those epoch-making events. It is just over a half a century since Lee's surrender to Grant, and the terrible assassination of President Lincoln in Ford's Theatre, Washington. Both of those events that stirred the nation to its depths are depicted by Mr. Griffith in so realistic a manner as to startle with their realism even that fast scattering few who were themselves a part of what was done in those momentous days.

The first half of the picture covers the entire period from 1860 to 1865 with massive battle scenes which by their horror accentuate the blessings of peace. The second half Mr. Griffith devotes to the soul-stirring drama of Reconstruction. He shows the South in the clutch of the Carpetbagger and the Scalawag and how it was saved by the Scottish Clans of the Carolinas. Here the dramatic power reaches its zenith. The eyes of the spectators look backwards for fifty years and see history in the making. This wonderful spectacle is made still more impressive by the art of music, interpreted by thirty picked musicians. The manner of presentation increases the illusion of reality.

The seat sale will open at the Elvington Pharmacy next Friday morning. Those who recall the unprecedented rush for seats last season, will realize the importance and convenience of securing their seats well in advance. That obviates the necessity of a long wait in line before the performance. Night prices are from 25 cents to $1.50. Matinee prices range from 25 cents to $1.00.

This engagement will be the last opportunity to see "The Birth of a Nation" in this city.



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Governor Gives Morning and Afternoon Hearing to Greensboro People.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—Governor Craig gave morning and afternoon hearings today in the application of O. C. Klingman, of Greensboro, for a pardon from the road sentence for embezzlement while serving the Case Machine Co., as district manager for the Greensboro district. Klingman is out under bail awaiting the certification of the findings by the Supreme Court affirming the lower court and refusing to re-open the case on the strength of alleged newly discovered evidence.

A monster set of petitions for the pardon presented by counsel for Klingman includes nearly all the business men of Greensboro and the Woman's Club. Klingman's wife and four children, two twins, were here and many others.

IREDELL COUNTY WILL GET MOVING HEALTH PICTURES

Board of Education Provides Them for County's Rural Schools.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—The moving picture health car of the State Board of Health left Raleigh Wednesday for Statesville and Iredell county where, probable for the next six weeks, Christmas week not included, moving health pictures will be shown the people. This feature of educational health work was arranged for the people of Iredell through the county board of education, primarily for the schools. Mr. R. M. Gray, county superintendent of education, and Miss Celeste Henkel, assistant superintendent, have arranged a schedule including 12 schools where the pictures, lectures and free health literature will be given.

Iredell is the sixth county to have this educational health campaign, the other counties having been Johnston, Alamance, Union, Anson and Pitt.

MARSHALL HAS A DISTINCTION

(New York Post).

In getting his job as Vice-President back, Thomas R. Marshall shares with John Adams and Daniel Tompkins the distinction of being the only Vice-Presidents re-elected to that position with the same President. In other words, neither successful party at an election has ever elected the same ticket twice except in the cases of George Washington and John Adams, James Monroe and Daniel Tompkins, and Woodrow Wilson and Thomas R. Marshall.

Of the two-term Presidents, Jefferson had with him in the Vice-Presidential chair Burr and Clinton; Madison had Clinton and Gerry; Andrew Jackson had Calhoun and Van Buren; Lincoln had Hannibal Hamlin and Andrew Johnson; Grant had Schuyler Colfax and Henry Wilson, the latter dying in office; Cleveland had Hendricks in his first election and Adlai Stevenson in his second, and McKinley first had Hobart and then Roosevelt.

WANTS FEEBLEMINDED PERSONS SEGREGATED

Superintendent McNairy Submits His Annual Report

Head of Caswell Training School Reviews Year's Work and Points Out What he Considers Needs of the Institution.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Dec 16.—"For the sake of posterity I want to make a personal appeal that adequate provision be made for the segregation of all the high-grade mental defective or feeble-minded children," said Dr. C. B. McNairy, superintendent of the Caswell Training school near here, in his annual report to the board of trustees Thursday.

"I honestly believe that if for a period of two or three generations, mental defective men and women were prevented by segregation or sterilization from propagating, mental deficiency would be very materially decreased; and if all the mental defectives were segregated or sterilized in a period of 100 years mental deficiency and insanity would be almost wholly eliminated. The high-grade mental defective child to the casual observer is apparently not far from normal; physically many of them appear normal; many of them are good-looking but for their mental defects would get along well in the world. They usually raise large families. Heredity is regarded as a tremendous factor in the causation of all mental defection. Statistics show that at least 65 per cent. of all mental defective children come from mental defective parents."

A smaller number, probably two per cent., come from traumatism; possibly five per cent. from disease of the brain and other disease. "We have no right to allow the defects of this generation to be stamped upon the children of comnig generations when we have the power to prohibit and control."

Dr. McNairy reviewed the work of the school for the feeble-minded since its opening in the summer of 1914 and dwelt upon the need for immediate enlargement of its facilities. Statistics were given of the work in the institution, including the school, which has a faculty and three literary and one music teacher. The farm, dairy and industrial departments have each been gratifyingly successful. "The progress made by the children has been wonderful," he declared.

Urgent needs for next year enumerated by Superintendent McNairy include a dormitory to accommodate 200 boys, which with repairs and additions to present buildings would cost $75,000; an industrial building containing laundry, domestic science department, sewing room, glove and knitting machines, overall and dressmaking department, etc., to cost $15,000; changes in the present laundry building, $6,000; farm and other equipment, $6,000; a cottage for employes, $1,000, and other improvements, the whole totalling more than $100,000. Seventy-five thousand dollars is asked for maintenance next year and $108,000 for maintenance and $5,000 for a power plant for 1918, a total of $293,000 for the two years. The improvements asked would about double the capacity of the institution.

IS FOR PAN-AMERICANISM

Buenos Aires Lawyer Talks of Cemented New World.

(Washington Post).

"The European war has made apparent the absolute necessity of developing American international law in accordance with the best interests of the continent," remarked Joseph Sevier, a lawyer of Buenos Aires, at the Willard.

"America by its devotion to a democratic form of government, and by its exceptional geographic position, should abandon all racial antagonism and convert into reality the ideals of true Pan-Americanism. To arrive at this end it is necessary to define in a concrete manner the nature and scope of this doctrine which tends to bring together with bonds of friendship the Americans of Anglo-Saxon origin and the Americans of Spanish extraction.

"All tendency to expansion, taking the form of the acquisition of territory, whether by purchase, lease or cession, or in any way whatever involving encroachment upon sovereignty, is opposed to the Pan-American ideal. The acquisition of naval bases is a veiled form of territorial appropriation. Efforts should be made to the end that America observe an effective neutrality in the face of European conflicts as a means of safeguarding great materia land moral interests."

MR. R. D. W. CONNOR DELIVERS LECTURE AT WAKE FOREST.

On "Racial Elements in the Population of North Carolina."

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wake Forest, N. C., Dec. 16.—"Racial Elements in the Population of North Carolina," was the subject of an enlightening and highly instructive lecture delivered last night by Mr. R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh, at the December meeting of the Cosmos Club, which was held in the hall of the Philomathesian literary society with a full attendance of the members of the club in addition to numbers of invited guests.

Dr. Connor asserted at the outset that the population of North Carolina was not composed of almost pure blooded Anglo-Saxon people, and contained but a negligible percentage of other races, as the statement was often thoughtlessly made; but that the population of North Carolina today, with reference to the white race only, is a composite population made up of a mixture of four racial elements, namely, the commercially minded, law-abiding, self-reliant Englishman; the Celtic Scotch Highlander, picturesque, proud, and sensitive; the democratic, liberty-loving, aggressive Scotch-Irishman, and the German, shrewd, thrifty, conservative, a lover of learning and religion.

COMMISSION ON LEGAL REFORM ROUNDS OUT RECOMMENDATIONS

Report to be Filed With Governor Soon for Legislature.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—The Legislative commission on law reform and procedure, in session today with Chief Justice Walter Clark, Judge W. J. Adams and L. V. Bassett present, agreed upon a number of minor changes in the tentative report which the commission prepared and published some time ago. These are to be incorporated in the report which will then be transmitted to Governor Craig to be passed on by him to the Legislature.

Absent members of the commission were Judge W. P. Bynum and W. A. Graham.

NO NEED TO FEAR BALDNESS

Tells How to Make Hair Grow Thick and Lustrous on Bald and Thin Spots.

Thousands of men and women are growing bald every day and don't know the reason why. This is indeed a pity, says a hair specialist, who states that baldness usually comes from carelessness, and that anyone who gives the hair just a little attention should always have an abundance of good, healthy hair. Dandruff and dirt cause baldness by clogging the pores in the scalp, and giving the dandruff germs fertile ground for prolific breeding.

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This Little Movie Favorite Is of the "Golden Aureole" Type

Lillian Gish, Quaint, Dainty and Piquant, Is Prettiest of the Blondes In Picture World

She Plays Part of the Northern Heroine In "The Birth of a Nation"

MUCH of the tenderly poetic appeal of "The Birth of a Nation" is due to the subtle acting of Miss Lillian Gish in the part of Elsie Stoneman, the Northern heroine. Miss Gish is a little creature of the "golden aureole" blond type, which makes for photographic beauty. She is singularly graceful, and her features never lose their piquancy. Her eyes before the camera are singularly expressive, and her acting conveys sincerity as well as true feminine charm.

Perhaps the most poetical scene of the entire drama is the one in which she and Henry Walthall, as her Southern lover, pour out their hearts to each other through the agency of the ancient symbol of Venus, goddess of romance, the dove. Not daring, at this point in their courtship to kiss each other, they lavish their affections alternately on the nesting bird. Another scene in which Miss Gish displays her exquisite charm is the one in which she plays with a kitten with such grace and caressing meaning that the audience invariably experiences a delightful thrill of sympathy.

Miss Gish is sharply contrasted in "The Birth of a Nation" with the beautiful brunette, Miss Miriam Cooper, who plays the Southern heroine. The little Northern heroine is of Northern birth, just as Miss Cooper is a Southerner, her native State being Ohio. For a time in her early girlhood she and her sister Dorothy, also famous in the moving picture world, lived in Missouri with their mother.

Miss Gish, when a mere child, won fame on the stage as a dancer and became a member of the ballet in one of Sarah Bernhardt's productions. She was introduced to D. W. Griffith, producer of "The Birth of a Nation," by Mary Pickford. Mr. Griffith instantly recognized her talent and rapidly promoted her in picture after picture, until he finally cast her in her present role of the Northern heroine in "The Birth of a Nation."

latter a pigmy in size but invincible in skill and cunning. As the great ship settled each watcher imagined it had fallen in 'an alley just a block away, and forthwith an army of 500,000 sightseers set out upon a wide night chase to inspect the wreckage. Daybreak found fully 100,000, of these curious ones lost in the byways and hedges on the outskirts of the city, and only a small percentage of the number ever reached the wreckage 12 miles distant, in an open field.

"Very exaggerated reports of the protest against according the member of the Zeppelin's crew a military burial reached America. I believe there was a single instance of a woman, distrait over the loss of a relative, who hurled a stone or a potato at the funeral cortege, but no other untoward incident occurred while the Germans were being interred near the spot where their airship fell. The bodies were all carried to their graves by members of the British Royal Flying Corps.

"To the British subject one of the most notable achievements of this war has been the fact that England, nobly aided by her colonies, has succeeded during the short space of two years in raising her effective fighting strength from a pitiful 130,000 (the size of the British regular army at the beginning of the struggle in August, 1914) to 4,000,000 men. Earl Kitchener declared at the beginning of hostilities that he could not tell how long the war would last but that he did know England would reach efficiency in three years. The war lord's hopes were anticipated by a full year—in July, 1916 we were ready to fight, and actually began to fight with our fully developed army of national-manhood strength.

"And not only has Great Britain trained and fully equipped 4,000,000 men, but she has undertaken the task of supplying all her allies, except France, with the munitions which they so sorely needed at the beginning of the struggle. France has mobilized her own resources so admirably that she is able to handle her munitions problems unassisted. One of the great problems of supplying Russia has been to get the material to the Czar's men after it is manufactured. Much of it, of course, has been sent through Archangel, which is now connected by a double-track railway with Petrograd. With the advent of winter, and the closing of the Archangel harbor with ice the difficulties are greatly increased.

"I have been asked frequently by Americans for my opinion of the character of courage displayed by our enemies on the West Front. We of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders frequently noted the dogged persistency of the Germans as they advanced to the attack, shoulder to shoulder, each sustained by the proximity of his companions to the right and left. But when he is assailed in his own trench we maintain that an entirely different spirit exists. The bayonet poised for the thrust strikes dismay and saps the Teuton's stamina."

AUTOMOBILES INJURIOUS TO BUSINESS MEN'S HEALTH

Too Much Riding and Too Little Walking Cause of Untimely Breakdowns

(State Board of Health).

"Nothing is doing so much to ruin the health of business men, and not a few professional men, as the automobile," said a noted physician of this State recently. After making the statement, he pointed out a number of young men and middle-aged men who had alrady reached the forty inch notch in their belt lie, and said: "These men are abnormally fat. They may look healthful and feel healthful now, but they are rapidly on the road to what insurance men would call risks."

Continuing the speaker said: "When people leave off walking and take to riding altogether, young men will become prematurely old and middle-aged men will take their untimely departure from both the business world and this 'immortal soil.' Walking as a healthful exercise and as a means of retaining one's health can never be done away with. The lack of walking, probably more than anything else, is responsible for too many men being laid upon the shelf at the age of forty or fifty. What we need, speaking from a health point of view, is not more soft cushioned automobiles but more walk-to-work clubs and men who prize their health more than they do their ease for members."

SHOOTING IN BORDER CAMP.

Norwood Barbour Shot by W. A. Faulkner, Both of 2nd N. C. Regiment.

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 16.—Much interest has been aroused here by the shooting at the militia camp near El Paso of Norwood Barbour, an enlisted man of the Second North Carolina infantry, by W. A. Faulkner, a former officer of that regiment from this city. Barbour, who is from Wilson, is known to a number of persons here. It was not generally known here until newspaper accounts reached the city that Faulkner had resigned. It was announced a few days ago that he would come here soon to spend a leave of absence. Faulkner is quite young; he has a wife and one child, and is generally known about town. He is a man of only ordinary education and was employed in a mechanical capacity at the municipal light plant before being mustered in. He was commissioned from the ranks. He is popular with his associates here, rather a nice-looking young man, and of general good character.

AN APPEAL FOR FORESTRY LAWS IN NORTH CAROLINA

To the Editor:

North Carolina is fast approaching a condition of which many of her citizens are little aware—farmers as well as mechanics, merchants as well as bankers, professional men and otherwise. According to a statement made before the Corporation Commission at Raleigh three years ago corporate interests, mills, factories, banks, railroads and other incorporated companies paid approximately 74 per cent of all the taxes into the State treasury. There being about three times as many lumber companies in the State as all other corporations combined, it therefore stands to reason that the lumber interests of the State are thus bearing a large share of the burden of taxation, which would otherwise fall heavily upon the farmers, their nomes, livestock, etc.

Now these are facts which cannot be gainsaid. Admitting this much to be true, then would not every consideration of a due regard for the State's welfare at present and future prosperity and development admonish our State legislators to convene in Raleigh next month, bestir themselves for a State-wide forestry law, and adequate application to secure its enforcement that will protect the State's forests and thereby adopt such a policy as will be the first step in perpetuating our forestry resources whereby the number of mills can be maintained rather than reduced 100 per cent in the next five years and 500 per cent during the next ten years.

If the number of these mills is reduced 100 per cent in five years and 500 per cent in ten years it must be patent to all thinking people that farm lands will of necessity come in for higher taxation, for it is costing more and more each year to administer the affairs of State, as can be seen by reference to the official records. With three fourths of the lumber mills having cut out their timber holdings and being out of business, five and ten years hence, assets proportionately will have been exhausted for taxation purposes, which will have to be made good out of higher taxation or farm lands and corporate interests in general.

With proper forestry laws North Carolina's timber resources can be so husbanded and protected against the deadly forest fires as to make them practically a lifelong asset, for throughout Eastern North Carolina the short-leaf pine reproduces itself when protected against fires so successfully that the same forests can be cut over each 10 or 15 years obtaining a profitable supply of merchantable lumber therefrom. All these should be reasons ample to justify our legislators in the enactment of a proper forestry law and appropriations with which to enforce it.

But in addition to all this, the paper mills of the Northern and New England states are fast exhausting their supply and sources of raw material and must therefore soon be casting their eyes about in this direction for locations in which to locate these big industries. The writer has been in conference with some of these paper and pulp mill people and when you tell them we have no forestry laws for the protection of our forests against the ravages of fires and no appropriations with which to enforce such half-hearted laws as we do have, they shake their heads in disapproval, telling us there is "nothing doing" until we get ourselves in readiness for the pulp and paper mill industry by the enactment of proper forestry laws whereby they can secure a perpetual supply of raw material when they begain again the task of dismantling their massive plants preparatory to seeking new locations.

Possibly, I should say in this connection that the average paper and pulp mill represents an investment of capital ranging all the way from one million to ten million dollars. They cannot therefore be pulled up and moved around like the average saw mill but must be stationed at one place during the lifetime of at least two and three generations if not longer. Furthermore, these pulp and paper mills would supply a ready market to the farmers for small tracts of standing timber that the average saw mill would not buy for the reason that it would not justify building logging roads into for so small an amount. It would be profitable to the paper mill man for the reason that he could cut and remove everything on the land down to three and four inches across the stump, whereas the saw mill man could not use anything below ten inches across the stump. Newspaper publishers in this way would be able to get their print paper cheaper and people of all classes and conditions would share in the benefits.

By way of conclusion let me say that I appeal to every man whose heart beats a responsive echo to the State's welfare and the uplift of the people to urge their representatives in the Legislature, soon to convene in Raleigh, to put forth every effort within their power to speadily enact a forestry law for North Carolina that will safeguard one of the State's greatest assets, multiply our manufacturing industries, increase the efficiency of our industrial interests, expand our trade and commerce, and furnish additional markets for the sale and consumption of small bodies of timber that the saw mills would never buy as well as smaller size timber that would be worthless to anybody else.

Z. W. WHITEHEAD.

Wilmington, N. C.

INSIDE LIGHT ON THE WAR

An Interview With Capt. John Beith

On the occasion of his recent visit to Washington, where he spoke before the National Geographic Society on the "Human Side of Trench Warfare," Captain John Hay Beith, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and widely known in the United States as Ian Hay, author of "The First Hundred Thousand," in answer to numerous questions, threw interesting sidelights on phases of the European war which are not touched upon, customarily, in the despatches from the front. The Geographic Society has issued in the form of the following war geography bulletin the substance of an interview with Capt. Beith:

"The widely heralded British 'tanks' have served their purpose, and I doubt very much whether they will play any further important role in the war," declares Capt. Beith, who was one of the machine gun officers having charge of the training of the gun crews for the "tanks".

"The 'tanks' are essentially a weapon of surprise. They made their advent on the firing line at the supreme psychological moment. Our troops had virtually reached an impasse in the Thiepval Woods, which the Germans had fortified and refortified until it seemed humanly impossible to make any further headway. Then came the 'tanks,' secretly made, piece by piece, all over England and shipped to a point of assembly on the Somme front. Not even the men whom I was training as a gun crew for one of these ponderous but astonishingly flexible death-dealers knew the kind of a juggernaut in which they were to operate until they were ready for the terror-spreading assault. The surprise to the Germans was complete and Thiepval was ours. But now that the limitations of the 'tank' are known to the enemy its usefulness is no longer exceptional.

"While there must still be a vast amount of important fighting on the West Front, it is the general belief of many of our officers that the war will be won from the southeast. Firm in this belief, the British, French, and Italians are making phenomenal preparations at Saloniki and in the spring the wrold will be amazed by the gigantic stroke which will be delivered from this quarter. Of course, if Roumania's situation were to become genuinely critical the Allies' push through the Balkans would be hastened, for everything possible will be done to preserve the national integrity of our latest ally.

"It is interesting to note that while our 'tanks' spread terror among seasoned soldiers, the 'Zeps,' upon which the Germans so confidently relied as a means of overwhelming England's civilian population with uncontrollable fear, have proved to be a complete failure, except that their comparatively inconsequential raids have reacted against the would-be terrorists and have been the most effective recruiting agents that the English army has had. Indeed, it would have been a profitable venture if England had constructed a 'Zep' and sent it, flying enemy colors, on a tour of our islands, for wherever the airships have appeared, dropping their comparatively ineffective bombs, there has followed a remarkable influx of raw material from which fighting men could be made to avenge these raids upon our helpless civilian classes.

"It was my good fortune to witness the destruction of a 'Zep' on the occasion of the first elaborately organized but, as it proved, abortive air-raid on London several months ago. The airship was attacked by an aeroplane, a wasp of the sky which darted past the cumbersome hulk, and, at the moment when the two were side by side, made a thrust with its deadly sting—an explosive missile. With a dull, distant report the impotent cloud-craft was split asunder with flames and sank rapidly from a height of several thousand feet, both noses pointing downward.

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TRADITIONAL QUARREL NOT ENDED BY THE WAR

South Wales Coal Miners Now Make New Demands.

Labor and Capital Again at Loggerheads After a Year of Comparative Peace—Miners' Demands Are Summarized.

Cardiff, Wales, Dec. 16.—After a year of comparative peace, labor and capital are again at Loggerheads in the South Wales coal fields. For nearly a generation the colliery owners and the miners have maintained an attitude of mutual ill-temper and suspicion, and war has not been allowed to displace their traditional quarrel. A year ago a five-day stoppage of the mines, on which the British Navy largely depends for fuel, actually took place, and a prolonged deadlock was only averted by the intervention of Lloyd-George, who summarily granted most of the miners' demands over the protests of the owners.

The demands now made by the miners may be summarized as follows:

Immediate concession of a 15 per cent advance in wages to cover the increased cost of living.

An independent audit of the coal owners' books to show exactly what are the profits on all classes of coal over a long period of years;

That the financial relation of wages to profits be ultimately arranged so that the percentage shall be the same as before the war;

Payment to be made for "small coal" henceforth on a tonnage rate to be established by later negotiations;

That the selling price of coal be henceforth established by a competent independent authority on a basis of the standard wage paid.

It is evident from this complicated and elaborate series of demands, that a settlement must necessarily involve protracted negotiations. The miners contend that the 15 per cent wage increase is urgent and should be granted at once; the other demands may be taken up more leisurely before any table tribunal.

One of the most puzzling of the demands is that which seeks payment for the so-called "small coal." This is a new demand, and meets with determined opposition from the owners. Hitherto the workmen who received payment on a tonnage basis—so much for every ton of coal mined—have been paid only for the large or first quality coal. Every ton of coal which a miner sent to the surface was first passed over the screens and only the residue after the small coal had been screened out, was weighed and paid for. Ordinarily, a miner who sent twenty tons of coal to the surface would receive payment for mining only about seventeen tons, three tons having passed through the screens and been discarded as "small coal." The men now point to the large increase in price which the owners are obtaining for this small coal today as compared with the price before the war. This price shows an increase from about nine shilling ($2.25) to nearly 18 shillings ($4.50) per ton.

In reply to the men's demand for an immediate increase of fifteen per cent in wags, the owners have made a demand for a ten per cent decrease. The last dispute was patched up by Lloyd-George a year ago with an award of a fifteen per cent increase, while the owners in return were permitted to add half a crown (67 cents) per ton to their wholesale price. The miners now declare that the owners are making a handsome additional profit out of this half-crown, and also out of the sale of the "small coal" and they claim their share, on the ground that the basis of their wages has always been the selling price of coal. To this the owners reply that all the expenses of mining, other than wages, have gone up, and that some of their mines no longer pay to work. The balance sheets of the largest coal companies in the district, which show great increase of profit during the war, figure prominently in the evidence submitted by the miners.

While feeling in the coal regions is at high pitch, the attitude of the country at large is one of undisguised impatience with any quarrel between capital and labor at a time when the energies of the country are so largely concentrated on war. Wide publicity has been given in the coal districts to an editorial in the London Times, which says:

"The argument of the owners reveals a total incapacity to see the situation as every one else sees it. They are quarrelling with the men and haggling over the division of the excessive profits which both are extracting from the public.

"It is the business of the owners to carry on an industry vital to the country without bringing it to a standstill by internal strife. They are trustees of it to the nation. If they cannot conduct it, then the sooner it is transferred to some one who can the better."

STUDENTS ELECT OFFICERS

More Than Usual Interest in Phases of College Activities.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

West Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—During the past week, a number of the students' organizations elected their officers for the second half of the college session. The interest manifested by the students this season in various phases of college activities surpasses that of previous years.

The Agricultural Club, which boasts of the largest membership of any of the student organizations, elected the following officers: President, E. H. Holton; vice president, S. G. Walker; secretary, T. A. Belk; treasurer, W. D. Lee.

CLINTON BOOKS CHAUTAUQUA

Warsaw Likely to Co-Operate in Event in Spring.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Zue McCleary, traveling in the interest of the Community Chautauqua, was in town a few days ago. She reported that Clinton had booked a chautauqua for some time in the spring, and wished the co-operation of Warsaw. As the people of Warsaw are very responsive to all calls and invitations issued by neighboring towns, there is no doubt but that the chautauqua will be well attended by our people.

EXPENDITURE OF MANY MILLIONS CALLED FOR

In New Southern Developmental Enterprises Announced.

Reports of the Week Cover Almost Every Avenue of Industrial Progress and Include Two Million-Dollar Ceceras

An investment of $1,000,000 for cutting timber and manufacturing lumber in Louisiana, $1,000,000 for a plant to refine and otherwise handle petroleum in Missouri, $850,000 for improvements to a shipbuilding plant in Virginia, $300,000 for doubling the capacity of and generally improving an oil refinery in Texas, a 128,000-acre livestock farm development enterprise in Georgia and a $225,000 corporation for mining graphite in Alabama are among the most important of the Southern developmental enterprises announced during the past week.

These developments and many others are detailed in the Manufacturers Record, which also presents other interesting and timely information regarding the South's natural resources and their utilization in manufacturing and the various other avenues of industrial activity. The reports of the week cover almost every avenue of industrial progress, calling for the expenditure of many millions of dollars throughout the South.

Increasing demands for ship construction and repairs is the reason for the Virginia Shipyards Company having decided upon the $850,000 expenditure mentioned. This is the Newport News (Va.) Shipbuilding & Drydock Company, and its betterments will be undertaken next year, to include constructing additional buildings and installing new machinery, with the probability of building another ways. The Louisiana timber and lumber proposition is the undertaking of the Peavy-Wilson Lumber Co., of Leesville, which has organized with a capital of $1,000,000 to cut the timber on 50,000 acres of land and to build a mill with a daily capacity of 150,000 feet of lumber. The $300,000 oil refinery improvements in Texas constitute the plan of the Pierce Oil Corporation of St. Louis for its plant at Texas City. The $225,000 graphite mining enterprise is the May Bros. Graphite Co., which has incorporated, with offices at Ashland, Ala. The Eagle Graphite Co., also of Ashland, has been incorporated with $100,000 capital to develop graphite properties. Well-known capitalists of Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia are determining details for the 128,000 acre Georgia livestock farm. The Georgia Land & Livestock Co. is the title of their company, with offices at Townsend, Ga., where a 2,000 acre farm is being established to grow ensilage for cattle feed. Its land includes 20 miles of deep-water front on the Atlantic ocean, with 5,000,000 feet of standing timber, 4,500,000 crossties and 500 crops of turpentine. It is the intention to graze 20,000 head of cattle and 10,000 head of sheep.

All of the essential facts indicating the character and extent of these big Southern items of industrial progress are presented in the Manufacturers Record, together with many others, which include the following:

Hyde County Land and Lumber Co., Barryville, Va., incorporated with $300,000 capital to develop timber land.

The Williams Company, Greenville, S. C., incorporated with $250,000 capital for manufacturing food products from yams.

Pinkney Mills, Gastonia, N. C., incorporated with $250,000 capital to manufacture cotton goods.

White Star Refining Co., Oklahoma City, incorporated with $250,000 capital for refining crude petroleum.

John T. Milliken & Co., St. Louis, will build $200,000 mill with daily capacity of 4,000 pounds of absorbent cotton.

Fulton Manufacturing Co., Richwood, W. Va., incorporated with $200,000 capital to manufacture wooden utensils.

West Virginia Beverage Co., Charleston, W. Va., incorporated with $200,000 capital to manufacture non-alcoholic beverages.

R. G. Rankin, Gastonia, N. C., will organize $150,000 company to build 5,000-spindle mill for manufacturing fine cotton yarn.

Atlas Windmill Co., San Antonio, Tex., incorporated with $150,000 capital to manufacture windmills.

Elm Grove Mining Co., Wheeling, W. Va., incorporated with $150,000 capital to develop coal mines.

Cherokee Spinning Co., Knoxville, Tenn., organized with $125,000 capital to build 5,000-spindle mill for spinning fine-combed cotton yarns.

Old Dominion Coal Co., Fairmont, W. Va., incorporated with $120,000 capital to mine coal.

Procter-Eagle Co., Ambersdale, W. Va., incorporated with $100,000 capital for developing coal properties.

Savannah Abattoir & Packing Co., Savannah, Ga., incorporated with $100,000 capital to build abattoir and meat-packing plant for cattle, sheep and hogs.

Ponca Lubricant Co., Ponca City, Okla., incorporated with $100,000 capital to manufacture lubricants.

Dutch Dairy & Creamery Co., Roanoke, Va., incorporated with $100,000 capital to operate dairy and creamery.

American Pine & Cypress Co., St. Mary's Ga., incorporated with $100,000 capital to build plant with daily capacity 25,000 feet of lumber and 50,000 shingles.

Abingdon Water Co., Abingdon, Va., incorporated with $100,000 capital to construct water-works.

American Pine & Cypress Co., Jacksonville, Fla., incorporated with $100,000 capital and will build mill with daily capacity 25,000 feet of lumber.

A. T. Small Quarries, Macon, Ga., incorporated with $75,000 capital to develop stone quarries.

J. M. Lang Company, Montgomery, Ala., incorporated with $50,000 capital to manufacture fertilizer.

Kermont Gasoline Co., Tulsa, Okla., incorporated with $50,000 capital to manufacture gasoline.

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New Convertible Car Added to Already Popular Line of Cars.

Dodge Brothers' Convertible Sedan has been designed to embody the very latest and best in American and foreign coach work. It immediately conveys a lasting impression of comfort, quality and refinement.

The general lides are conservative, as well as graceful and dignified. With its flat type of room and the absence of extreme lines, the body is one which will suffer little from sudden shifts of fad or fashion.

The color panel of the body is painted a deep blue, outlined by a cream-colored stripe. The cowl, body front, fenders and hood are painted black and the wire wheels are a cream color to match the stripe.

The interior is conservative and expresses the same sense of refinement that is suggested by the first glance at the Sedan from without. The general color scheme is grey with a bluish tint. A striped effect is carried out in the upholstering, curtains and flexible robe cords, while the carpet, front compartment floor and running board coverings are also in gray to match. The cushions are of the Turkish type, upholstered in gray and trimmed with narrow lace. All fitting are nickel-plated. An attractive flushdome light illuminates the interior.

Particular attention to comfort is evident in all details of the seating arrangement. The cushion springs are of the highest grade material, well padded with curled hair. Attractive in appearance and especially wide and deep, the rear seat is truly inviting in every respect. The roominess of the entire interior, in fact, is unusual for a sedan. The front seats are divided, an aisle separting the passenger from the driver. The driver's seat is upholstered in dull finish leather and the front passenger seat, which is set slightly to the front of the driver, is upholstered in cloth to correspond in detail to the rear cushions.

All windows are of plate glass and are designed to be thoroughly water-tight and wind-tight. They are provided with an attachment to prevent rattling. All windows may be lowered and the door windows may be adjusted to any height for ventilation.

The curtains are a high-grade pin-stripe gros-grain silk, fitted to automatic rollers.

The door lock is of the French type and is provided with a double striker to prevent the possibility of injuring the doors when they are not properly closed.

Dodge Brothers' Sedan is designed for use in summer as well as in winter. Its adaptability to all weather conditions is one of its most prominent advantages. The arrangement of the doors and windows is such that in a few minutes' time it may be converted from a closed to an open car. In either form it retains its original appearance of dignity and refinment.

The rear side window may be entirely removed and concealed in a narrow compartment especially built in the back of the rear cushions. The remaining windows may be lowered from view and the pillars extending above the body may then be removed without difficulty and deposited under the rear seat. This leaves the car entirely open from the windshield to the back panel. Either the upper or lower sash of the windshield may be adjusted to any desired opening for ventilation.

All joints and fittings are so carefully made that when the windows and panels are in position it is difficult to determine that the body is of the convertible type. In all details of exterior finish and interior appointments, Dodge Broters' Sedan is a car of commanding individuality.

LAYING PLANS FOR RECORD BREAKING TOBACCO CROP

Acreage in Bright Belt May be Incresed 25 Per Cent.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 16.—East Caroline bright leaf planters are laying plans for a record-breaking crop next year. The tobacco industry in the region has been given a decided impetus by the present season's success. Acreage in 1917, according to some forecasts, will be increased 25 per cent. The present year has seen an extension of the belt's territory, and next spring there will be further expansion, principally to the southward of here. Duplin county will join the ranks of the tobacco counties in earnest, it is predicted. With no considerable market of its own, Duplin will raise a large crop for Kinston warehouses. Improved rail and road facilities make the marketing of the county's production easy now. Jones will be another county to raise more of the weed. The golden leaf will replace cotton as the first crop on a number of plantations.

There is no chance of overdoing the output, say some tobacconists. The demand for tobacco from the comparatively small East Carolina belt is growing faster than the local tobacco community can come up to it; the product is alone in the world, and excels that of every other section for the purposes for which it is used. Cigarettes, into which the bulk of the crop is said to go, are being used now at the rate of 20 for one smoked a decade ago, by conservative estimates. In sections of China the Carolina bright leaf is winning the State fame; many a Chinese who knows nothing much about America except that San Francisco is its capital and Butte, Mont., its principal city, has come to look upon "Carolina" as a sort of El Dorado of tobacco.

AN IDEA EXEMPLIFIED

A School Forum and a Community Thanksgiving.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Washington's notable exemplification of the community school center idea — the community forum of the Park View school—recently took another step in advance by holding a community Thanksgiving celebration inimitation of the original community Thanksgiving in New England three hundred years ago. Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, and Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, took part in the programme. One of the Washington churches gave up its separate Thanksgiving meeting in order that there might be no occasion for a division among the people of the community in the observance of Thanksgiving.

In his address on the public school community center as the "agency of democracy," Dr. Claxton presented the opportunity which America has in the public school system not only for developing a better spirit of co-operation and understanding among all citizens of America as they are coming to make full use of this neighborhood equipment, but also the opportunity afforded for generating a broader sympathy and understanding among those who represent by descent all the nations of the world.

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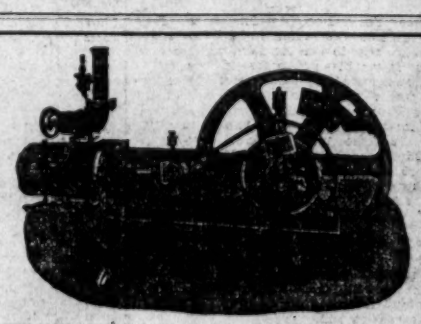

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

ANOTHER SLUMP IN COTTON

Apprehension of Failure of Peace Proposals Causes Liquidation—Loss of 31 to 40 Points.

New York, Dec. 16.—Apprehension that peace negotiations might fail seemed chiefly responsible for active liquidation and a renewal of scattered selling in the cotton market today. The decline uncovered stop orders during the late trading with March selling off to 18.19, or 25 points net lower, and the close was unsettled at a net loss of 31 to 40 points.

The opening was steady at a decline of 2 to 6 points but the market soon weakened under liquidation and fear of unfavorable deception of peace overtures by the allied nations. Slight rallies seemed to meet increased offerings and the market became very weak late in the morning, the break extending to 17.96 for January and 18.37 for May. This decline of about 45 to 52 points from yesterday's high level attracted considerable covering, but the close was at just about the lowest point of the day. Later private business was reported at rallies of 10 to 12 points. As Liverpool was closed there were no official cables to influence sentiment here.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	18.15	18.10	17.98	17.85
Jan.	18.25	18.25	17.96	17.95
March	18.46	18.51	18.19	18.19
May	18.68	18.69	18.37	18.37
July	18.74	18.74	18.38	18.38
Oct.	16.80	16.80	16.57	16.55

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 18.35; no sales.

The Port Movement.

New Orleans — Middling, 18.00; receipts, 2,283; exports, 4,560; sales, 900; stock, 462,405.

Galveston—Middling, 18.25; receipts, 10,756; sales, 500; stock, 429,379.

Mobile—Middling, 18.00; receipts, 408; stock, 15,099.

Savannah—Middling, 19.76; receipts, 1,547; stock, 221,506.

Charleston—Receipts, 848; stock, 75,343.

Wilmington — Middling, 18.00; receipts, 297; stock, 48,614.

Norfolk — Middling, 17.75; receipts, 1,193; sales, 581; stock, 113,511.

Baltimore—Stock, 6,076.

Boston — Middling, 18.50; receipts, 722; exports, 965; stock, 8,400.

Philadelphia — Middling, 18.60; exports, 206; stock, 819.

New York—Middling, 18.35; receipts, 357; stock, 147,925.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 882; exports, 656; stock, 40,360.

Total today — Receipts, 19,293; exports, 12,307; stock, 1,569,637.

Total for week—Receipts, 19,393; exports, 12,307.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,572,576; exports, 2,806,333.

Interior Movement.

Houston — Middling, 18.15; receipts, 4,631; shipments, 7,152; sales, 1,729; stock, 277,265.

Memphis — Middling, 18.50; receipts, 3,298; shipments, 2,952; stock, 299,421.

Augusta — Middling, 18.38; receipts, 1,530; sales, 753; stock, 146,689.

St. ouis — Middling, 18 87; receipts, 3,832; shipments, 3,960; stock, 31,477.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 1,691; shipments, 506; stock, 24,830.

Little Rock—Middling, 19.00; receipts, 521; shipments, 1,356; sales, 1,356; stock, 53,604.

Dallas—Middling, 17.45; sales, 942.

Montgomery—Middling, 18.00.

Total today — Receipts, 15,906; shipments, 17,456; stock, 833,286.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Market Extremely Nervous at a Decline Rapid Price Changes.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—An extremely nervous and unsettled tone was in evidence in the cotton market today. Price changes were rapid, but within moderate limits. The condition of the market apparently was almost wholly due to uncertainty over international politics.

Sags and bulges, breaks and recoveries succeeded one another with great rapidity. On the first call the strongest months went to a net rise of 1 to 2 points, followed almost immediately by a sag of about 10 points. After a recovery based on the rise in English consols, there was another break to a level 16 to 20 points under yesterday's close but good buying came in on the sofe spot and prices reacted 10 to 13 points up from the lowest. Toward the end of the day the market had a steady tone, but just when bullish traders figured that closing prices would be well up toward the highest, there was a quick break to new low levels and the close was barely steady, practically at the lowest of the day, at a net loss of 16 to 24 points. December, the spot month, showed more weakness than any other position, although spot quotations were unchanged. Closing bid: Dec. 17.55 asked; Jan. 17.61; March 17.88; May 18.10; July 18.26; Oct. 16.32.

Spot cotton quiet and unchanged; sales on the spot none; to arrive 900; middling 18.00.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16.—The cotton seed oil market was easier under liquidation due to the decline in lard and on the less favorable prospects for peace in Europe. Closing prices were at 18 to 28 points net decline. Sales 8,500 barrels.

Close steady. Spot 13.15 bid; December 12.20 to 12.60; January 12.22 to 12.25; February 12.20 to 12.30; arch 12.13 to 12.15; April 12.20 to 12.30; ay 12.23 to 12.26; June 12.25 to 12.28; July 12.30 to 12.31.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Hogs weak at yesterday's average; bulk 9.70 to 10.10; light 9.20 to 10.00; mixed 9.55 to 10.20; heavy 9.65 to 10.25; rough 9.85 to 9.30; pigs 7.35 to 9.15.

Cattle—Steady; native beef cattle 7.00 to 11.75; western steers 7.00 to 10.25; stockers 5.00 to 8.10; cows and heifers 3.85 to 10.10; calves 8.50 to 12.00.

Sheep—Weak; wethers 8.55 to 10.00; ewes 5.75 to 9.50; lambs 11.00 to 13.35.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16.—Cotton goods were quiet and barely steady in gray goods lines. Yarns were steady. Burlaps tended higher. Linens were very firm. Knit goods were firm. Demand was steady.

WHEAT PRICES GO UPWARD

Unfavorable Peace Situation Responsible for Excitement—Gain of 4 1-2 to 9 Cents a Bushel.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat prices shot skyward today impelled by the Russian duma's rejection of peace and by announcement that the United States would not at present offer to mediate. After excited bulges that carried the market up 10 1-2c quotations fluctuated wildly and closed unsettled 4 3-4 to 9c net higher, with May at 1.62 5-8 to 1.63, and July at 1.37 to 1.37 1-4. Corn gained 2 5-8 to 3c and oats 2 1-8 to 2 1-2c. There was a set-back of 10 to 30 cents in provisions.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.62 5-8; July 1.37.

Corn—May 91 7-8; July 91 1-4.

Oats—May 52 7-8; July 50 3-4.

Pork—January 26.90; May 26.65.

Lard—January 16.00; May 16.05.

Ribs—January 13.70; May 14.07.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red and No. 3 red, nominal; No. 3 and No. 3 hard, nomila.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 92 1-2 to 93; No. 4 yellow 90 1-2 to 91 1-2; No. 4 white 91 1-2.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 2,283 tons, Holtasch, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,373 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nominal.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—Nominal.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal.

and $3.90.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 52¼c; rosni, $5.05 and $5.95; tar, $2.30-90c; crude turpentine, $3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine	9
Rosin	37
Tar	97
Crude Turpentine	(—)

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, 106 barrels; tar, 240 barrels; crude turpentine, 4 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—18c; same day last year, nominal.

Receipts—154 bales; same day last year, 250 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 71,319 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 132,560 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Atlantic Coast Line—154 bales cotton; 67 barrels tar.

Geo. Slover—9 casks spirits turpentine; 37 barrels rosin; 30 barrels tar.

Total—154 bales cotton; 9 casks spirits turpentine; 37 barrels rosin; 97 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 16.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 60c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 28 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, good quality, gross, 2 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Od hams, 22 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 25c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 16. — North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 16.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, weak. New stock, $1.30 per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market steady.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

RESERVE BANK STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Gains of nearly $25,000,000 in net bank deposits and of more than $10,000,000 in reserves by Federal Reserve Banks during the past week are indicated by the board's weekly statement made public today. The statement shows the banks' condition December 15th.

WEEK'S BANK STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 16.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $94,447,320 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of $20,658,480 over last week.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 16.—Turpentine firm, 53 to 53 1-4c; sales 324; receipts 456; shipments 217; stock 23,499.

Rosin—Firm; sales 2,261; receipts 1,837; shipments 1,603; stock 91,702. Quote: A B C D, 6.15; F G H, 6.20; I, 6.25; K, 6.30; M, 6.50; N, 6.80; WG, 6.95; WW, 7.20.

RAILS MAKE BIG GAINS

Additional Recoveries Made by Stocks Recently Under Pressure—Southern Roads Among Leaders.

New York, Dec. 16.—Additional recoveries today of 2 to 6 points in stocks recently under pressure, with a rally of 25 points in Bethlehem Steel, were due mainly to a hasty covering movement by the shorts and no little buying, particularly of rails, by investors and operators who seemed to feel that the hysteria of the last few days had run its course.

A more potent factor in the rise of special stocks was the belief that peace negotiations are yet some time off.

Today's further rallies included U. S. and Lackawanna Steels, the former making an extreme gain of 2 1-2 points on its usual large overturn, 3 to almost 5 points in Springs, as much and more for leading equipment such as American and Baldwin Locomotives and New York Air Brake, 2 to 3 points in coppers and other metals, and 3 to 5 points in Central Leather, Industrial Alcohol and International Paper. Far more convincing, however, was the sustained movement in rails, low grade issues of the roads traversing Southern and Southwestern states being the foremost features. Southern Railway common and preferred, Seaboard Air Line issues, Missouri, Kansas and Texas issues, Missouri Pacifics, Kansas City Southern and Texas and Pacific were 2 to 3 1-2 points higher. Reading and other coalers, Atchison, New York Central, Union Pacific, Illinois Central, Atlantic Coast Line and New Haven made extreme gains of from 1 to 2 points.

The bank statement was in keeping with general estimates showing a large actual cash gain and another expansion of reserves of more than $20,000,000, a total of over $53,000,000 in the past fortnight. Bonds were irregular. Total sales par value $1,975,000. United States bonds unchanged on call during the week.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	29½
American Beet Sugar	100¼
American Can	51⅞
American Car and Foundry	69⅝
American Cotton Oil	50½
American Locomotive	81⅞
American Smelting	108⅝
American Sugar	111⅛
American Tel. and Tel	125⅞
American Tobacco	B.216
American Zinc	49¾
Anaconda Copper	87½
Atchison	104⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	B.122
Baldwin Locomotive	69⅛
Baltimore and Ohio	85
Bethlehem Steel	575
Canadian Pacific	B.166
Central Leather	94½
Chesapeake and Ohio	66⅜
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	93½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	39½
Colorado Fuel and Iron	47½
Consolidated Gas	132⅝
Corn Products	24¼
Crucible Steel	68¾
Cuba Cane Sugar	55
Erie	37½
General Electric	172½
Great Northern, pfd	117
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	40⅜
Goodrich	67
Illinois Central	106
Inspiration Copper	59
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	106⅛
International Nickel	43½
International Paper	45¾
Kansas City Southern	27½
Kennecott Copper	48⅛
Lehigh Valley	80½
Louisville and Nashville	B.133
Liggett and Meyers	B.275
Lorillard Co	B.225
Maxwell Motors	64
Mexican Petroleum	99⅝
National Lead	61¾
New York Central	106¼
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	53
Norfolk and Western	137¼
Northern Pacific	110
Pennsylvania	56¼
Ray Consolidated Copper	23⅛
Reading	109¾
Rep. Iron and Steel	81
Seaboard Air Line	18¾
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	40½
Sloss-Sheff. Steel and Iron	66¼
Studebaker Corporation	110⅝
Southern Pacific	98½
Southern Railway	26⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	72
Texas Co	199½
Union Pacific	146½
United Fruit	156
United States Rubber	65
United States Steel	114⅜
United States Steel, pfd	119
Utah Copper	108⅞
Virginia-Caro. Chem	45½
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	30¼
Western Union	101⅝
Westinghouse Electric	55¾
Missouri Pacific w. i.	35⅝

COTTON GOODS MARKET.

Some Weaker Prices—Mills' Stocks Well Sold Up—Movement Large.

New York, Dec. 16.—The quieter tone in primary goods markets has been followed by weakening in the prices asked for gray cloths and some few sheetings used for bag purposes. Sales have been almost wholly made up of transactions between second hands and are due in part to the seasonable reasserting of stocks by converters.

Mill agencies hold prices very firm as there are few goods to be had for any early delivery. The immediate business in hands is the rushing out of goods for spring, a great volume of merchandise being in order. It was announced during the week that some of the largest mills making blankets and domets would not have more than 50 per cent of a normal production to offer for the next fall season, due to the sold-up condition this year and the volume of exports in these lines.

The lower cotton market has helped merchants to restrain a further flight upward in prices but as mill costs in labor and supplies have reached a very high basis and give little promise of an early change, there is not a great deal of hope expressed that values can fall much in the near future. The movement of cotton goods, especially in heavy weights and in spring merchandise, continues very large.

Prices quoted are as follows: Print cloths, 28 inch, 64x64s, 6c; 64x60s, 5 5-8c; 38 1-2 inch 64x64s, 6 1-4c; brown sheetings, Southern standards, 12c; denims 2.20s, indigo, 21c; tickings, 8 ounce, 20 1-2c; prints, 9c; staple ginghams, 2 1-2c; dress ginghams 11 1-2c.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 17, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 23 degrees; at 8 P. M., 37 degrees; maximum, 41 degrees; minimum, 27 degrees; mean, 34 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month to date, .74 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 6.8 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair, warmer Sunday; Monday fair.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 17, 1916.

Sun rises	7:12 A. M.
Sun sets	5:05 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	3:04	3:20	10:18	10:55
Southport	12:03	11:57	6:16	6:50
Masonboro Inlet	11:52	11:46	5:56	6:30

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS
December 16, 1916.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.M.
Abilene	clear	70	34	.0
Asheville	clear	40	14	.0
Atlanta	clear	48	24	.0
Augusta	clear	50	30	.0
Baltimore	clear	64	..	.0
Birmingham	clear	52	26	.0
Boston	clear	28	22	.29
Charleston	clear	48	30	.0
Charlotte	clear	42	22	.0
Chicago	pt cldy	28	0	.0
Galveston	clear	40	38	.0
Jaxville	clear	54	32	.0
Memphis	clear	50	28	.0
Mobile	clear	52	38	.0
Montgomery	clear	54	30	.0
N. Orleans	clear	58	38	.0
New York	clear	24	14	.0
Oklahoma	clear	54	32	.0
Palestine	clear	60	34	.0
Pittsburg	cldy	18	2	.0
Raleigh	clear	36	22	.0
Savannah	clear	50	32	.0
Shreveport	clear	66	34	.0
St. Louis	clear	52	16	.0
Washington	clear	22	14	.0

FIGURES GIVEN BY COUNTIES

Cotton Ginned in North Carolina Prior to December 1, Crops of 1916 and 1915.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Director Sam L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announces the preliminary report of cotton ginned by counties in North Carolina, for the crops of 1916 and 1915, quantities in running bales, counting round as half bales, linters are not included:

County	1916	1915
Alexander	648	1,021
Anson	13,782	20,686
Beaufort	10,125	7,257
Bertie	10,138	7,767
Bladen	5,438	7,188
Cabarrus	6,058	10,131
Camden	3,353	2,331
Catawba	3,254	4,907
Chatham	5,330	5,311
Chowan	5,512	3,265
Cleveland	10,298	18,111
Columbus	4,416	7,104
Craven	5,931	4,777
Cumberland	13,463	14,683
Davidson	876	1,045
Davie	953	982
Duplin	9,258	8,665
Durham	448	392
Edgecombe	23,979	20,904
Franklin	10,991	10,390
Gaston	3,542	7,127
Gates	4,225	2,743
Greene	8,949	8,961
Halifax	25,001	21,532
Harnett	15,617	14,874
Hertford	3,532	2,354
Hoke	7,393	10,385
Iredell	4,714	7,284
Johnston	31,279	31,400
Jones	4,882	4,926
Lee	4,292	4,663
Lenoir	11,598	10,000
Lincoln	2,716	4,696
Martin	7,999	7,279
Mecklenburg	12,252	20,970
Montgomery	2,694	3,413
Moore	1,671	2,456
Nash	21,275	19,707
Northampton	14,063	11,097
Onslow	4,859	4,611
Orange	879	700
Pamlico	5,074	5,052
Pasquotank	5,014	3,330
Perquimans	7,493	5,219
Pitt	21,051	10,718
Richmond	8,120	12,617
Robeson	28,822	42,776
Rutherford	4,004	5,063
Sampson	4,893	7,916
Scotland	18,050	18,312
Stanly	15,513	24,504
Union	4,626	6,318
Vance	18,784	23,107
Wake	3,912	2,770
Warren	18,855	19,219
Washington	9,928	8,199
Wayne	2,841	2,176
Wilson	26,602	22,917
All other	20,184	18,532
	7,669	6,862
Total	567,118	612,703

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 16.—Beeves, no trading; calves steady; veals 10.00 to 15.00; barn yard calves 6.00.

Sheep—Steady; sheep 7.00 to 8.50; lambs 13.50 to 14.00.

Hogs—No trading.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-4; sterling 60 day bills 4.71 1-2; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71 1-4; commercial 60 day bills 4.71; demand 4.75 5-8; cables 4.76 1-2. Bar silver 76 1-4. Mexican dollars 53 3-4. Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 16.—Raw sugar dull; molasses 4.40; centrifugal 5.27; refined dull.

Coffee—Spot firm; Rio 7s, 9 5-8; Santos 4s, 10 5-8.

Christmas Slippers at Peterson & Bulfs, for the whole family. d15,17,19,21

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Nov. 12, 1916. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 5:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 2:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
6:50 A.M.	6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	1:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. ‡Leaves from Station No. 3,

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Center" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Center" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Center" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	19:05 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
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TRADE CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT PITTSBURG

Chairman Farrell Issues Call for January 26-27.

All Americans Concerned in Overseas Commerce Invited to Take Part. Various Subjects Are to be Discussed.

New York, Dec. 16.—Believing that the many problems that have arisen in foreign trade merit the earnest consideration of American businessmen, James A. Farrell, chairman of the National Foreign Trade Council, has issued a call for the Fourth National Foreign Trade Convention, to be held at Pittsburg, January 25, 26 and 27.

The convention will be held in co-operation with the commercial and industrial organizations of that city, through the Pittsburg Foreign Trade Commission, and all Americans engaged in or desirous of entering overseas commerce are invited to participate "in a practical and constructive discussion of policies and practices necessary to meet keener competition which the United States may encounter in world markets after the war."

Conditions in foreign markets, measures necessary to safeguard American foreign trade, and the foreign trade aspects of the American tariff system; co-operation in foreign trade development; the American merchant marine; foreign investment of American capital; and the problem of the smaller manufacturer and merchant, will be matters for discussion.

"The proceedings," Mr. Farrell also says, "will be designed to bring out the mutual interests of the chief elements in foreign trade, namely, manufacturing, agriculture, and other natural production, including mining and the lumber industry, merchandising, transportation and banking. In addition to prepared addresses by authorities on topics mentioned, the convention will be largely given over to 'group sessions', each devoted to intensive discussion of a single problem, in which all delegates are at liberty to participate. A number of gentlemen long experienced and successful in foreign trade will act as volunteer trade advisers and improved facilities will be provided for bringing into conference with them delegates who desire information and advice. The State Department will detail several United States Consuls General to the convention for purposes of individual consultation, to provide information to delegates; and the Secretary of Commerce has similarly assigned officials from the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce to duty at Pittsburg during the convention."

The council, which is a non-political and non-partisan board of 50 prominent merchants, manufacturers, bankers, farmers and other producers of natural commodities will present to the convention a report on "World Trade Conditions After the European War," the result of a year of research.

W. W. Nichols, chairman of the American Industrial Commission to France, will speak upon "European Reconstruction." Willard Straight, vice president of the American International Corporation, will make an address upon the "Foreign Trade Aspect of the Tariff."

An entire session of the convention will be devoted to the necessity of legislation, authorizing co-operation among American exporters who are now individually obliged, through the doubt surrounding the application of the anti-trust laws to foreign trade, to cope with government encouraged combinations of foreign rivals and often to sell to combinations of foreign buyers equipped to depress the prices of American products. The necessity for enactment of the Webb bill, now before the Senate, will be the subject of an address by Robert H. Patchin, secretary of the National Foreign Trade Council, and the necessity for co-operation in the export of natural commodities, such as lumber, copper, farm products, as well as manufactures, will be emphasized in each of these lines.

John D. Ryan, president of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, will speak at the banquet on co-operation. Chairman Edward N. Hurley, of the Federal Trade Commission, will also speak at the banquet on the "Government and Foreign Trade." The question of America's position in world finance is to be handled by an eminent financial authority, whose name is not yet announced, while the value of investment in overseas development enterprises in order to create a demand for American manufactures, will be discussed by C. K. McIntosh, vice president of the California Bank, San Francisco, and a number of other prominent bankers from different sections of the country.

The problems of the smaller manufacturer and merchant, who, the council feels, it is nationally necessary should be encouraged to enter foreign trade, will be considered in "Group Sessions" to be organized and held by the council in co-operation with the American Manufacturers Export Association. The discussion will be directed to assisting solution of the problems perplexing this class of American business men. Since the problem of giving foreign purchasers the credits they are accustomed to receive from European exporters a "Group Session" has been arranged in co-operation with the National Association of Credit Men, in the hope of paving the way for development of an American system of foreign credits and credit information. The American Exporters and Importers Association has been invited to join the council in the conduct of a "group session" on "The Function of the Export Merchant and Commission House."

The need of trained men in foreign trade and the methods of their training will be considered at an educational session under the chairmanship of Chancellor S. B. McCormick of the University of Pittsburg. The council's educational committee has already conducted considerable research in this direction. Dr. E. E. Pratt, chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, United States Department of Commerce, will outline a government plan whereby trained men may advertise through the daily Commerce Reports, issued by the government, their qualifications, and firms may advertise their needs of such men.

B. F. Harris, of Champaign, Ill., a large farmer and close student of agricultural economics, will speak on "The World Market for Agricultural Products," and Prof. T. N. Carver, of Harvard University, now chief of the Division of Rural Organization, United States Department of Agriculture, on "Foreign Trade Policy from the Farmers' Standpoint."

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NEW YORK HAVING ITS BIGGEST SOCIETY YEAR

But Not the Gayest; War Relief the Chief Motive.

Bohemian Colony Re-Established—Policemen Become Santa Clauses—The Man Who Kissed a Cow. Eggs Make Long Journey.

New York, Dec. 16.—The season in New York, that is what society calls season, is at its height, and the day before Thanksgiving was quite the busiest one that matron and debutante and those who follow in their train, have ever experienced. The prospects are that the Christmas holidays will mark a record for the number of functions of a social nature that will take place.

In other words, New York is in the midst of its biggest society year, not its gayest, but its biggest. The number of entertainments given, the dances and dinners, and functions large and small, have increased in quantity, even if the keen edge of hilarity is taken off of them. For society has felt the effects of affairs in Europe. Hardly a well known family in New York but is touched in the matter of relatives and connection by the fighting abroad. Intense gaiety is not to be thought of, but the prosperity of the country, the well-being of its people of all sorts, is reflected in the amount of entertainment that is taking place. New York society is benefitted by this condition, for in times past it has shown a disposition to explode, and a sobering hand was essential. Lavish displays of mere wealth is no longer tolerated. Too much is needed to aid the innocent sufferers of the war to permit of it. In fact, the relief feature of society is now its most prominent part. The simple fact remains that although one mdy not hear so much of New York society through sensational report, it is enjoying, or spending, or enduring ,whichever way one may care to put it, the busiest season that it ever had.

New York's Bohemia is apparently having a new lease of life, and it has attained the distinction of pulpit criticism. One of the clergymen whose church is on Washington Square, where the American equivalent of the Latin quarter exists, has declared that he is anxious to establish friendly relations with those about him, as he does not believe that the real Bohemia is half bad. Incidental circumstances have proven responsible for a renewal of interests in the old neighborhoods that surround Washington Square, and where, in a very real sense, a Bohemia exists. Artists and literary persons dwell in the vicinity from choice, and they are being catered to and their grouping together encouraged, by real estate owners, restauranteures and others. Practically a whole new block of low, white stucco buildings are under way to accommodate the demands for studios; there are several clubs created, and a theatre is being built in Greenwich Village, which is adjacent to Washington Square. This revival of interests is resulting in the making of a real artistic colony in New York, and is not a spasmodic movement, but is destined to last. Washington Square and Greenwich Village have tradition and atmosphere and the physical qualifications for such a settlement, and they are likely to be again what they have been more than once before—the most interesting neighborhood in the city.

The policemen of New York are going to be exponents of Santa Claus this year. They will search out needy children, and take gifts to them when Christmas comes. In some of the station houses the plans for taking cheer to the homes where it would be lacking have already been worked out, in others they are being planned. Good policemen are glad to do this work, and to very good policemen it should be easy, for if they have done their complete duty, the poor and suffering on their beats will already be more or less known to them, and the opportunity to help will be welcome. A policeman as a Santa Claus ought to relieve him of much of the odium that now is apt to cling to his personality in the minds of many healthy, active and reputedly mischievous small boys and girls. To them he stands for but one thing—punishment. The idea of his being their protector and helper is almost lost. The last thing in the world that he has ever resembled to them is Santa Claus. Now he has a chance to redeem himself in their eyes. For the past generation the policemen of New York have been redeeming their department and their reputation. They have partially succeeded. When they get an army of helpers like the poor children of New York to be on their side they are going to redeem themselves completely.

New York magistrates probably have more strange crimes and offenses to deal with than any other in the world. The cosmopolitan population of New York brings out strange freaks, even in the matter of law breaking, but probably the strangest offense that has yet happened, and for which punishment was dealt out, came to the attention of Magistrate Cornell, who has just sentenced a man to prison because he kissed a cow. The fact that this occurred in the midst of a crowded city, where cows are not very prevalent and the inhabitants, it is assumed, do not have an opportunity to develop individual affection for them, only makes the offense the more unique. However, a man, who for some reason or other, was feeling particularly happy and sentimental, spied a fine Jersey that was passing through town due to a change of owners, and greeted her with a resounding smack. Why he should have been particularly grateful to the cow is hard to imagine. It is presumed that his good humor was due to something besides milk, but it is recorded that the Jersey far from resenting the mark of affection, and the evidences of hilarity that must have come with it, gave her admirer a strenuous lick with her tongue that practically encompassed her face. It was at this point that a policeman interfered and dragged the Romeo to a court where a magistrate gave him six months, under the general charge of disorderly conduct, although many who were present stated that it might have been inflicted under the head of "cruelty to animals."

Just now when there is a great deal of discussion about eggs, a case is brought out at the hearing of one of New York's many commissions that may throw some light upon the subject. In this instance a case of eggs was cited that went on a journey covering many thousands of miles which consumed five months for its completion. During this time they had been sold a score of times by speculators and dealers, once or twice they had gotten as near to being consumed as the kitchen of a metropolitan hotel, only to be dragged back and placed in cold storage to rest. It may be said that from many standpoints this is a poor use to which to put an egg, and far from that to which nature is presumed to have intended it. It is hardly necessary to state that these long hauls and periods of storage were not conducive to its low price. Theoretically at least the ultimate consumer paid the freight and the warehouse bills besides the food and care of the hen that laid it. There is no doubt that there is something economically wrong in this sort of procedure, even if the egg arrives at its destination at the breakfast table in an eatable condition. The authorities say that this sort of procedure is by no means uncommon, and it is explained that the price must be necessarily high if junkets of this kind are going to be indulged in. LONGACRE.

RURAL LYCEUM CONDUCTED BY THE UNIVERSITY Y. M. C. A.

Seven Country Communities Near Chapel Hill Get Benefit.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Chapel Hill, Dec. 16.—A Rural Lyceum has been conducted for the past four weeks by the educational department of the University Y. M. C. A. in seven rural communities in the vicinity of Chapel Hill. In each of these communities, ranging from two to six miles from the town, the University students have for some time been conducting Sunday schools. In five of the schools complete programmes were carried out, while two or three special meetings were held in other two.

One lecture a week for four weeks was provided for each place. The lectures were delivered by Professors Branson, Bullitt, Cobb, Johnston, Stacy, Walker, Moss and Williams. Such topics were discussed as The Gary Plan in Education, Schools and School Buildings, What to Eat and How to Eat, The Europe That is Now at War, and the Glory of the Commonplace. The lectures on Europe and school buildings were illustrated. The last event at each place was a musical or dramatic performance, under the charge of the University Glee and Dramatic Clubs. Recitations, Victrola records, and special features were also made use of. Two Japanese students here rendered Japanese songs and dances.

The audiences at these meetings averaged 41 in size, though in some of the places as many as a hundred attended. The attendance increased over ten per cent from week to week. Some of the schools have asked for other programs. It is planned to charge admission in one case and asisst in building another room to the school building.

Owners of automobiles here assisted very materially by sending the boys out to the various places of meeting. The work was in charge of Marion Fowler, of Durham, in charge of the Y. M. C. A. educational work.

BICKETT TO SPEAK AT BIG CELEBRATION IN UNION

For Formal Presentation of State Democratic Banner.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—All percentages of gain having been figured out and the fact ascertained by Democratic State Chairman Thomas D. Warren that Union county won the banner offered by the State Democratic executive committee for the biggest percentage of gain in the November election over the Democratic vote case in 1912, arrangements will be made at the pleasure of the Democratic authorities of Union for Governor -elect Bickett to go to Union county to deliver the address for the presentation of the banner, this to be done in connection with a suitable program to be worked out by the Union Democratic leaders in celebration of having made the biggest party gains in the whole State.

It is found that Union increased her Democratic vote 59.97 per cent. having cast 2,738 votes for Bickett in comparison with 1,724 votes cast for Craig in 1912. Union's closest competiter was Currituck, where the gain was 46.-72 per cent. Third in the race was Avery with 42.72, while Harnett, Stokes, Forsyth, Transylvania and others followed in succession—87 counties in all having showed percentages of gain in the Democratic vote cast. Forsyth's was 31.71 per cent; Meckenburg's 7.13 per cent; New Hanover 25.58. The percentage of gain for the entire state was 11.86 per cent.

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ANOTHER INVESTIGATION IS INAUGURATED IN ASHEVILLE

Solicitor Thinks Some People Are Getting Too Much Liquor.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Asheville, N. C., December 15. —Investigations are becoming quite popular affairs in Buncombe county this winter. After disposing of the Britt-Weaver muss (so far as Buncombe county is concerned), spending three days in an attempt to locate alleged election frauds and getting the public worked up generally, Solicitor Swain has started an investigation of whiskey shipments to Asheville, with a view to proving that some people are getting more than their regulation one quart every fifteen days.

Regardless of opinion on the prohibition laws, Mr. Swain thinks that laws are made to be enforced, and a number of citizens, who keep within the law and only get said quart every fifteen days, are with him, because they think it unfair that others should get a quart every few days while the law-abiding citizens are forced to play camel most of the time.

The result is the starting of an investigation which is expected to provide the grand jury next month with a considerable amount of work to do. The suspected parties are also suspected bootleggers, and it is said that there is a profit of 300 per cent on dollar whiskey, a profit attractive enough to make them take a chance.

In the meantime, there is a general scurrying around by people who might have slipped up a day once in a while, and who, technically, are guilty of violating the law.

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Bank Building	450,000.00	Circulation	543,300.00
Bonds and other Securities	336,600.00	Special Deposit Bonds	15,000.00
Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank	28,675.34	Acceptances	750,000.00
Customers' Liability Acceptances	750,000.00	Deposits	7,510,133.21
Cash and Due by Banks	2,810,611.76		
Total	$10,542,356.80	Total	$10,542,356.80

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